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GYPSY ROSE LEE, ACTRESS, AUTHORESS

Gypsy Rose Lee Appears At Benning on January 1

Civilian Laws Also Apply To Soldiers

Military personnel at Fort Benning are being warned again that they are subject to all civilian laws when they are in any community and that they are liable to arrest by civilian law enforcement agencies.

Although this has been called to the attention of army personnel repeatedly, the warning was made again this week in strong language by Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of the post, in a post memorandum.

"Military personnel visiting in civilian communities are subject to all of the local criminal laws and ordinances in force in such communities to the same extent as civilian residents or visitors in those communities," the memorandum states, and goes on to point out that "violation of such laws and ordinances by military personnel is liable to arrest and detention by civil police to the same extent as civilian."

The memorandum reminds military personnel that civil courts have concurrent jurisdiction with military courts for offenses committed in civilian communities, and that although in time of war it is the policy of the War Department to request the surrender of military personnel, military authorities are not to demand the surrender nor are civilian authorities compelled to comply with the request.

"The surrender to the military authorities for trial of military personnel who have committed such violations is effected through mutual agreement between the civil and military authorities," the memorandum states.

Big Things Ahead For First G. I. Baby Of 1944

The merchants of Columbus and THE BAYONET have big plans for the first G. I. baby born in Fort Benning's Station Hospital in 1944.

"To begin with, the babe will become owner of a beautiful \$100 war savings bond. In addition a series of surprise packages is being arranged for the lucky young man or miss. But this is getting a bit ahead of the story which will break in the December 30 issue of THE BAYONET.

There's nothing to buy and nothing to sell in these prizes. All the fortunate child has to do is to be the offspring of an enlisted man and show up first in Station Hospital bright and early next year. It's true the "early bird will get the worm."

In addition to these prizes, THE BAYONET is offering \$1.00 in war saving stamps to the lucky one.

The desk sergeant in Station Hospital's maternity ward has given us the green light for the contest, the story race is on. The only war question remaining is: WHO WILL BE THE WINNER?

Ft. Benning To Be On Air Seven Hours Christmas

Civilians To Dine Soldiers Dec. 26

Hundreds of soldiers from Fort Benning will be the dinner guests of residents of Columbus and Phenix City on Sunday, December 26, Major Victor Tidman, director of publicity of the USO committee in charge of plans for this hospitality, has announced.

Registrations are beginning to be listed at the various USO Clubs in Columbus and Phenix City for the Christmas holiday home hospitality program, said Major Tidman, who is also director of the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City.

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The Belles of Ft. Benning Chime One



MISS SUE WOODALL (ap)peal . . . she's following in mother's footsteps.

Here with the Bayonet proudly presents the first in a series of Benning Beauties, a winterized version of pin-up girls—a feature designed to keep the home fires burning and make the party round the hearth real warm and cozy. Of necessity, the bathing suit gave way to the evening gown, but we hope you don't mind too much. Miss Woodall, more properly known as Suzanne, has portrayed a Southern belle who makes it easy to understand the meaning of "cherchez la femme." Born in Charlotte, N. C., she spent most of her life in Atlanta until "joining" the Army about a year and a half ago. Since then she's been a cryptographer for the Air Corps both

in Atlanta and Macon and now for the Signal Corps at Benning. Her presence at this post was requested because of her special skill—and we are mad. Prior to government service, she was a commercial artist or in fashion designing. VITAL STATISTICS: Age—19. Height—5'5". Weight—117. Bust—35-1-2. Waist—24. Hips—35-1-2. Eyes—Blue-gray-green. Hair—Dark blonde. Complexion—Fair as morning dew. All in all, a classic example of Southern beauty who'd look equally well in evening gown, sweater, swim suit, or artist's smock. Yeah, verily, she'd be "so nice to come home to."

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Varied Program To Hail Yuletide

WRBL Offers Facilities To Show Radio Audience How G. I. Celebrates

From early morning until late at night, Christmas Day activities at Fort Benning will be broadcast as radio station WRBL offered to turn over all of its available time during the day that is not taken up by the big CBS programs.

The offer of the time on the air to show the public just how soldiers at Fort Benning will be celebrating Christmas was made by James Woodruff, Jr., owner of the station, to Major Russell J. Hammag, post Public Relations Officer, and work immediately was begun on the project.

Broadcasting will begin actually on Christmas Eve with a pickup from the Prisoner of War Camp of a special Midnight Mass and then on Christmas Day itself, will begin at 7 a. m., and continue intermittently and work through the remainder of the day until 11 p. m., with pickups from service clubs, hospitals, mess halls and other places.

As soon as the offer was made and a tentative time schedule presented, bands were contacted, special services of various units were consulted, service club hostesses were interviewed, and the many and varied activities that will go on all through Christmas Day were charted. After that, the activities were fitted into the time table and a schedule of broadcasting was outlined.

After plans were drawn up, Col. Alexander W. Young, commanding officer of the Signal Service division at Fort Benning was consulted on necessity of hookup of telephone lines to carry the broadcasts from various spots on the post. Crews of men will handle the wire detail and probably will be on duty all day Christmas to keep the wires cleared for the series of broadcasts.

SPECIAL MASS
As now drawn up, the tentative schedule calls for pickup of a special service of men will handle the wire detail and probably will be on duty all day Christmas to keep the wires cleared for the series of broadcasts.

Then, from 8:15 to 9 a. m., EWT, the Reception Center Chorus will present a Christmas program of ancient carols, hymns, and modern numbers from Service Club No. 1. From 9:15 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., EWT, the Chorus will join with the Reception Center Military Band in singing the Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah," and there will be more music by the Band. During the last half of this period, the 30th Infantry Dance Orchestra will move in to 10:30 a. m. EWT, the Chorus will handle a program of music from "Holiday Time," the post show which is to be presented. Interviews with the band also will play other music on the broadcast.

At 11:30 a. m., the traditional practice of the 131st Infantry of playing for various mess halls in its area will be picked up and broadcast. Interviews with the men at their Christmas Day meal also will be made part of the program for this period, which will extend from 11:30 a. m. to 12 noon, EWT.

At 12:30 p. m., the scene will shift back to Service Club No. 1, where a lighter touch will be injected as the Barbershop Quartets See VARIED—Page 7

Another featured soloist in the Cantata will be Mrs. Willis, mezzo soprano, who has been with the choir for some time. A graduate of numerous conservatories of music, Mrs. Willis has sung in the "Messiah," "O Give Me In Thy Great Mercy" and the aria "Lord, I Sing Thy Name" from Bach's Cantata.

The Senior Choir is composed of the following: Sopranos: Cpl. Vera Brading, Cpl. R. R. Harrison, Pvt. Laura Husted, Charlotte Leedy, Kathryn Mitchell, Gerry Parker, Jinita Pearce, Sgt. Dorothy Saxton, Cpl. Frances Titus, Pauline Vida, Mrs. Willis, Private Woerner.

Altos: Cpl. Elizabeth Andrews, Mrs. W. W. Collicott, Cpl. Corine Goulet, Mrs. W. W. Collicott, Cpl. Goulet, Edith Joyner, Helen McClaffin, Mrs. A. L. Pollack, and Mrs. Evelyn Tarr.

Tenors: Lt. William Bowman, Sgt. Thomas Carmichael, Lt. Donald Hess, Pvt. Jack McLeod, Lt. Thomas Seal, Lt. Archie Winnard, and Dan W. Collicott.

Basses: Capt. Brebner Coggeshall, Lt. W. W. Collicott, Lt. Walcott. See CHAPEL—Page 7

YWCA-USO Supplies Kitchen For G. I. Joe's Moms To Cook In

"What I wouldn't give for a home-cooked meal like Mom used to make." G. I. Joe has repeated that phrase on innumerable occasions can now have the wish fulfilled, complete with Mom and all, according to a new feature of the YWCA-USO announced this week by the club at 1425 3rd Ave.

The announcement from the YWCA-USO states that military or naval wives, mothers, or relatives are visiting them for any period of time, may make use of the building's kitchen facilities and have the adjoining dining room, silverware, dishes, and all the trimmings go with a real family dinner. All that is required from the soldiers is that they supply the ingredients of the meal, or have their family do that.

Anticipating a flood of requests from G. I. Joe's mothers who would like to have a private meal with their visitors in town, the club urges that reservations be made and confirmed for the particular date and meal desired, in order that there be no conflict in appointments. On the date set, Mom, wife, or whoever is to cook the meal can go to the building and the kitchen and dining room, which is fitted the same as the average home, will be turned over to them for preparation of the feast. For the rest of that period, to all intensive purposes, G. I. Joe from Fort Benning is having a home-cooked meal in his own (simulated) home with the folks.

Hospital Patients Set for Two Full Weeks of Joyous Christmas Cheer

Two weeks of Yuletide events that will bring Christmas cheer to the 2500 patients in the Fort Benning Main Post and Harmony Church Station hospitals were announced this week by Mrs. Pauline McKinley, director of the program.

Scheduled events for the Main Post branch begin Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 3 o'clock when the Girl Scouts from Columbus will sing Christmas carols in the wards, followed immediately by "Holiday Time," a musical review, presented in the recreation hall by the special service officer.

Daily events will begin Thursday, Dec. 23, with the USO show in the recreation hall in the afternoon and will run through the New Year's Eve dances on the following Friday, Dec. 31.

Friday's events include a Christmas tree and program in recreation hall at 6:30, and Christmas carols in the wards beginning at 8:30.

Yuletide Christmas Day Has Officially

been declared a holiday for station complement troops and 4th Service Command civilian personnel. The celebration was announced Wednesday, January 1, and will not be observed as an official holiday.

A skeleton staff will be on duty on Christmas to transact necessary and urgent business.

"Holiday Time" To Repeat Tonight

"Holiday Time," the gay, little musical revue which opened last night at the Children's School Auditorium, will play a repeat performance tonight at 8:30.

Ex-Cowboy Is Well Qualified To Serve As TIS Bird-dog

Lt. Clarence R. Wiley, who recently succeeded Lt. John L. Fellows as Guide Officer for the 18th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, has an excellent background for the job of herding reluctant officers from class to class and back again.

Prior to his entry into the service, Lt. Wiley was a professional cowboy who hails from Bella Vista, Calif. He owned and operated a live stock ranch before he came into the Army. It was while engaged in ranching that he entered the professional cowboy events in the rodeo circuit, competing successfully from 1936 until 1940.

Lt. Wiley's top achievement in the rodeo field was earned when he became one of the few men to ride the famous bucking horse "Five-Minutes-To-Midnight". He won the all-around championships at rodeos at Anderson, Redding, Van Nuys, and McArthur, California, in 1938-39. The Lieutenant who holds the Pacific Coast record for

stake-racing, set at Red Bluff, Calif. in 1938, has competed in calf and steer roping, as well as bronco riding, in most of the larger western shows including Seattle, Reno, Salinas, Red Bluff, Pendleton, Phoenix, and San Francisco where he rode in the Fair show on Treasure Island.

Officers' Club Inaugurates New Cafeteria

A new cafeteria, designed to speed up service for officers and their families eating there, has been opened at the Officers' Mess on the Main Post. It has been announced by Capt. James K. Guthrie, secretary of the Officers' Mess at Fort Benning.

Located adjacent to the main dining room of the Officers' Club, the cafeteria-style service will take the place of the Grill which previously occupied the room. Breakfast will be served from 6:30 until 11; luncheon from 11:30 until 2; and dinners from 5:30 until 8 o'clock in the evening.

HOURS ANNOUNCED
Between these hours a la carte menus will be in effect. Capt. Guthrie states. There will be no change in the hours of closing for the Grill. From Mondays through Fridays service will cease at 10:30 in the evening, while on Saturday nights the room will close at midnight. On Sunday, service will be continued until 11:30 at night.

According to Captain Guthrie, three factors motivated changing the service in the Grill to that of cafeteria style. With the new self-service method, he said, it is estimated that there will be an increase in the number of officers and their guests who can use this room for dining.

WARMER FOOD
Another factor is that the food served to the diners can be carried directly from the counter to the table, consequently being warmer when it is eaten. A third point brought out by the captain is that there will be a reduction in the cost of food both to the Officers' Mess and to the members as a result of the new method.

A recent series of inspections of mess halls around the Post by Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, has revealed that the Officers' Mess is maintaining the highest standards expected of dining rooms, restaurants and other eating places.

Peace is not the absence of conflict in life but the ability to cope with it.



"It's all right, Corporal—as you were!"

Reprinted from the January issue of Esquire.

RC PO Averages 7,000 Pieces of Mail Each Day

Mail bags, bulging with a daily average of 7,000 pieces of mail for service men in the Reception Center, indicate the close ties budding soldiers maintain with folks back home, shortly after donning military uniforms at Fort Benning, Ga. Thrust as they are into a new world of experience in which they face the future with anxiety, Reception Center boys ease their tense emotions by getting word back home as quickly as possible.

"So writing becomes the first order of the day," Sergeant C. F. Somer, chief mail clerk of the Reception Center Mail Room asserted, and added,

"Aside from the great volume of letters we handle each day, our staff also distributes on an average of 125 special deliveries every day, and probably more registered mail than any mail room on the post."

On the Double
Mail call always brings service men to company streets on the double. Many expect replies almost before their letters have been received back home. Others insist that there must be that package "my wife promised she's sent," and plead with the company clerk to dig into his bag for another look. All are hopeful that the old mail sack will yield one little message to give them new hope and bolster up their courage.

The Christmas season has added tremendously to the work of the Reception Center Mail Room personnel. This year home folks have resorted to the newspapers to mail early, and company mail clerks have been packing increasingly heavy bags since Thanksgiving.

There are frequent and many transfers made in the Reception Center among the more than 10,000 soldiers. Men are being constantly shipped, either to new military posts, or to other companies within the Center. Yet the Reception Center Mail Room has satisfactorily coped with the situation. Staff members and company clerks are imbued with the traditional slogan of the postal service, "The Mail must get through." They have succeeded in getting practically all mail to the men—wherever they have gone.

The Chief Clerk
Chief Clerk Comer, prior to his induction into the service, was a letter carrier in Atlanta, Ga. He was immediately assigned to the Reception Center Mail Room as assistant clerk, and for about a year has served as chief clerk. He attended college at Tuskegee Institute. Other members of his staff are: Cpl. Russell D. Leonard, Chattanooga, Tenn., assistant chief clerk; T-5 James Francis, Whiteville, N. C.; T-5 Harvey S. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Pvt. Nellie Harmon and Ollie Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.; and Pvt. Rosa Murray, Raleigh, N. C. The latter three are members of the Women's Army Corps at the post.

Sgt. Comer advises soldiers to take due care to properly address their letters, including in the return address their full names, army serial numbers, company or organization and post office. Soldiers must also remember that after their letters are sealed they become first class and cannot be opened by anyone in his office. Sgt. Comer said. He mentioned the case of a soldier who had written letters to two girl friends. Through a mix-up, he put the letter written to one friend in the envelope addressed to the other. It was not until his letters had been mailed that he realized the mistake he had made. "We sympathized with him, but couldn't do anything to help him out of the situation," Sgt. Comer said.

COMPANY CLERKS OK
Company clerks responsible for

the distribution of mail to individual soldiers are due much of the credit for the efficiency of operation of the Reception Center mail room. Typical of the company clerks is Sgt. Michael (Mike) Chestnut, backfield star with the Reception Center Tigers and head clerk for Company C. Mike Chestnut "bucks the mail sack" for his men of Company C, approximately 1,400 of them, with the impact and efficiency of his drives on the gridiron. When Mike calls mail, the boys really "get on the ball."

Mail is called two times a day, usually right after mess. Company C is believed to lead in the number of company letters that pass through the Reception Center mail room, but Chief Clerk Comer said that no exact estimate has been made. Chief clerks of other companies in the Reception Center are: Col. Albert Carter, Co. A; T-5 Cleavant Derrick, Hq. Co.; Charles Wright, Co. D; Cpl. Earnest Street, Co. E; Cpl. James Bettes, 1st Co.; T-5 Oscar Burton, 2nd Co.; Pvt. Thomas Ballentine, 3rd Co.; Pvt. Ocie J. Gillis, 4th Co.; Pvt. Vivian Henderson, 8th Co.; T-5 Joseph H. Herault, 10th Co.; T-5 Alexander A. Hall, 11th Co.; Cpl. Robert R. Gibson, 12th Co.; Cpl. James Franklin, 15th Co.; Cpl. Willie Hudson, 16th Co.; William J. Cawthon, 17th Co.; and clerk for the entire 3d Battalion: 1st John H. Brannan, 18th Co.; T-5 Henry Cooksey, 19th Co.; Pvt. John T. Hood, 20th Co.; Pvt. Oscar Stanback, 21st Co.; and Cpl. Antoine Henningsberg, 22nd Co.

FD To Inspect All Decorations

To protect soldiers from fire hazards from Christmas decorations, military authorities at Fort Benning will inspect civilian establishments used by military personnel, and those which refuse to comply with the Army safety regulations may be placed "off limits," post headquarters announced yesterday. Every effort will be made to safeguard against the possibility of fire which could take a tragic toll of life, post authorities said.

Restrictions have been placed on the type of materials used for decorating barracks, quarters, offices and other buildings on the post, and organization commanders must obtain the approval of the fire chief or the fire marshal for their scheme of decoration.

MUST BE FIREPROOF
Only fireproof decorations may be used, and purchasers are warned that materials, even though marked "fireproof," should be tested with a match for inflammability, since fireproofed paper of an old stock frequently burns as rapidly as though never treated.

Post authorities will note the type of decorations put up by civilians in establishments off the post used by soldiers to be sure that they conform to safety regulation. In places where decorations appear to constitute a serious fire hazard, they will be removed.

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'Hold Tight' To Play Post For Six Days

Fort Benning will present, in addition to the many other attractions scheduled for the holiday season, a new USO show entitled "Hold Tight." It was announced by Lt. Col. Charles C. Flanagan, chief, Special Service Branch.

"Hold Tight" is a novel vaudeville type revue filled to the brim with all-star talent and the cream of the stage and night clubs. This USO-CAMP SHOWS production offers as much novelty as any unit yet seen.

Clever songs, the latest in sweet and rhythm numbers are right-fully featured in this revue. In addition to musical numbers, "Hold Tight" also affords three novelty acts that put it in a class by itself. It is doubtful that these marvelous and breath-taking acts will be forgotten by the men who see them. To top it all, the show is introduced and guided by a globe-trotting singing comedian.

rious fire hazard, the owner or operator will be asked to remove the hazard. If he fails to comply, his establishment may be placed "off limits" to military personnel.

SPRAY SOLUTION
Post Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan said yesterday that trees, wreaths, and similar decorations could be made fireproof by spraying them with a solution of four fluid ounces of boric acid and nine ounces of borax to a gallon of water.

Untreated paper streamers or other light and easily inflammable decorations must not be used.

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Columbus Papers Keep Luckies In Field Informed On World News

Hot from the newsroom of the Columbus (Ga.) Ledger & Enquirer comes the news in capsule form once daily, to 7th Armored division men living in the field, through their division special service offices.

Arrangements made with the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer enable the "Lucky 7th" to bring late war news to men in the field by means of a mimeographed bulletin called "Newscast." This is written and edited daily by Lt. Harold Swan and Cpl. John J. Sheehan of Division Special Services. Every morning at 6:30 a. m. Cpl. Sheehan goes to town where he makes up on what is happening. Then he returns to camp where with Lt. Swan he picks out the day's highlights and distills maps of the "front" with the day's heavy-

fighting. This done, news and maps are mimeographed in sufficient number to cover the division. Then the one-page "Newscast" printed on both sides is taken to message center which distributes it to the men in the field.

LUCKIES ON AIR
Starting Tuesday evenings right for many a musician-hungry G.I. in the 7th Armored division is a new radio program called "Rambles In Rhythm," broadcast weekly at 1830 over WRBL from downtown Columbus. Under the supervision of the division special office, the 15 minutes of dance music contain tunes taken from requests made throughout the division during the week.

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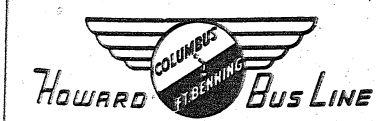


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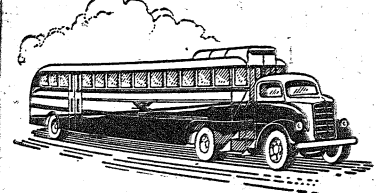
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"We came here with hope and determination. We leave here, friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose."
—Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin at Tehran.

'Off-Limits'—Exactly What The Word Means

One of the most widely of misinterpreted phrases in use in the Army today, or for that matter in the entire armed service, is that of "Off Limits." Mere mention of those two words immediately conjure up all sorts of fantastic ideas concerning the reputation, character, or what have you of the location in question. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth in most cases.

As the FORT BLISS NEWS puts it, the reason that the beer parlor down on the corner is off limits is not because the Army wants you to drink milk and nothing else. And it isn't because MP's have nothing better to do than stick their noses in other people's business.

The FORT BLISS NEWS sums it up this way: "Why do they ban this or that place to military personnel? The answer's easy, bud. It's for your own good. And that doesn't mean the Army doesn't think you can look out for yourself, either."

In those dim, distant days when we were civilians, most of us, in the course of our everyday business encountered some kind of an inspector. There were fire inspectors, building inspectors, health inspectors, and so on through the entire list. Their jobs were to look over the buildings, restaurants, theatres, and the like to assure the local governments that the safety and well being of the civilian were being protected. If some theatre did not have sufficient fire exits, it was notified of the fact and the violation had to be rectified before hundreds of persons were permitted to enter it again. If faulty construction material or methods were being used to erect a building, building inspectors would condemn the work—in some cases the entire building—until corrections had been made.

We're at war now—a total war for the life of our country and the principles upon which it was founded. We aren't civilians any more. We're under military regulations and laws. So instead of local authorities doing the inspecting of locations, it's the Army that does it—often in co-operation with local authorities. And the Army wants to be sure that its men and women are taken care of properly. It is responsible for your health, and it means to take that when you eat in town, or drop in for a beer or two, you want have to worry about unsanitary conditions, or that you are being short changed, or such.

If a place is not clean—morally, or physically; if it does not offer sufficient protection in the way of fire exits or fireproof material or fire-fighting apparatus; if it is more concerned with making money at the expense of the GI who comes in town for a bit of relaxation on a limited budget, and doesn't give the soldier his money's worth, then the place is declared "off limits." That's all there is to it.

An unsanitary place is injure a soldier's physical health. And a sick soldier is no good to the war effort, to say nothing of the additional expense to the taxpayer to give him the excellent care which he gets from the Medical Corps.

A place that is unclean morally can do even worse. Aside from possible disease, there is the question of the moral character of the soldier. And a soldier with a poor character isn't a soldier.

Most of the civilian enterprises around Fort Benning are run by people who probably have children or relatives of their own in the service. They are reputable business people who have made an honest living before we went into the Service, and they are continuing to do it today, despite rationing, shortages, and various other problems that the civilian of today faces.

But as there must be in every organization, civilian or military, one or two are not quite up to the standard, one or two always try to take the easy way of life. It's bound to be that way just by the law of averages.

Those are the ones that are "off limits." Those are the ones that should be passed up. As a matter of fact, places in town are declared "off limits" only after warnings have been given to correct certain conditions or practices. They are told what's wrong. If they do nothing about it, they have no one to blame but themselves. Don't waste any time worrying about them.

—M. L. D.

Kids Cramp George's Style No End—Really

Children cramp me style!!! ... They are tacks in me bedroom!!! Little pearls of innocence, hey? ... Phooey! ... They are little chunks of axel grease tossed into my fan of life!!! ... Everybody should wait until they are 20 years old before getting borned.

Coming down to Fort Benning on the train, I got awful embarrassing in the face every time I walked down the aisle. ... That darn baby was always making indignas on me la!!! ... We go looking for a place to live and one place will take us iffen that baby don't make much noise. ... Waal, just before I got ready to pay a deposit, I saw that funny look in the baby's eyes. ... As I had seen it sooooo many times on the train. ... I sez I will not be having no indignas on the lady's rug, I sez to myself. ... So I just pinches the baby and the trouble start!!! ... Not only did he yell for three hours without no ten-minute breaks, ut I might just as well turn a fire extinguisher upside down in the lady's parlor!!!

Babier is always making yer wiley tired ... I tried to look at me old bomber like a movie actor the other day. ... And she just sez to me "Oh, Gaw-urge, stop looking at me with them silly sixty-fourty eyes!" ... She sez "Go change the baby and give him his bottle!!!" ... One time I yam going to put dandruff remover in his durn milk!!!

We also got a boy five years old. ... He's right at the "cute age." ... He's cute alright.

Just come over to our house sometime and take a gander at the winter underwear we got stuffed into holes in our winders!!! ... He throws his bike downstairs and then tells me he thought it was much easier to get downstairs thataway!!! ... Our landlord came in fer the rent yesterday, and little Jimmy ups and asks him where is the lady you live with, huh? ... The landlord sez—you mean my wife? ... Jimmy sez no, just the lady you live with. ... tsk, tsk. ... Of course Jimmy meant his wife, I sez. ... Jimmy sez no, daddy I mean the lady you and mommy was talkin about last night when mommy took the rent money out of your pay!!

My letter to Santa this year looks like a requisition paper for an ammunition depot!!! ... I really love 'em tho. ... Gonna put 'em in a baby contest next year. ... With a special float made out of a garbage can. ... I'm kiddin, honey.

—Cpl. George G. Johnson
22nd Company, 1st BTR

Prickly Heat The Scourge Of Benning Summer Time

Most people think of prickly heat or itchy rash as it is commonly called, as an affliction only occurring in babies. Adults who get it in very hot humid weather, consider it as a trivial, annoying skin irritation. Even in the Tropics, where it occurs more frequently, it is never considered serious.

However, for soldiers fighting in the Tropics, it may be quite dangerous. In some cases even here at Fort Benning, during the summer field problems, some few cases are so covered with heat rash that they are forced to bed in a cool barrack for 24 hours and in exceptional cases even 48 hours are lost from duty.

The cause of prickly heat has been debated among scientists. The fundamental etiological cause is usually excessive sweating, with accumulation of dust into the sweat glands.

It seems that the sweat glands get out of order as a result of excessive activity, and their ducts are blocked with congestion and retained secretions. The complications of the skin condition are infection, boils, ulcers, and sometimes fungus infections.

The treatment of heat rash is simple. Cleanliness, avoidance of sweating, and the immediate drying of sweat with a clean cloth as it forms. Medical officers usually advise frequent bathing and dusting powders, or sponging the skin with 50 per cent alcohol and then applying a powder to the skin. Underclothes should be clean and changed often by people who sweat easily and profusely.

—Frank I. Ciofalo, Major, M. C.
Regimental Surgeon, 1st Stud. Tgs. Regt.

Two Ears, Only One Mouth; Stop, Listen, Keep Mum

SAFEGUARD MILITARY INFORMATION. That, in itself, is a logical statement and all soldiers know its meaning and intent. But there still continues a vast amount of idle talk concerning military matters which, in these days of war, have come to be classed as military information of a vital nature and, as such, should not be discussed.

In 1938 foreign powers operated more than 100 missions of secret service in America. Although clandestine intruders, these were merely known as missions; they came to America as operatives of Fascist countries—Italy, Germany, and Japan. One's imagination need not be too greatly taxed for him to appreciate the possibility of an even larger number of espionage and sabotage missions in America today. This corps of foreign agents is composed of uncommonly skilled, well-equipped fifth columnists, embodying long experience and training, and functioning with high efficiency. The primary work of these agents is calculated destruction and the collection of information for almost instantaneous transmission to their secret service masters abroad, or at an intermediate point.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the necessity for refraining from discussing subjects pertaining to our country's war efforts, no matter how insignificant the subject may appear. Too often what may appear meaningless to us is most significant and of vital importance to our enemies. Already we have been cautioned a great many times regarding safeguarding military information.

At this moment, a campaign against idle talk is under way, at Fort Benning, sponsored by the Security Educational Advisor Section of the Military Intelligence Branch, Post Headquarters.

Our enemies have BIG EARS. Let's give them nothing to listen to. Keep 'em guessing. ZIP THE LIPS!

This time it must be "hands across the sea" which grasp nothing except each other.

When public office is just looked on as a "plum," democracy is no longer a way of life. It is nothing but a way to make a living.

We must live democracy, as well as believe in it, in order to have it.

Let's back America by living like Americans. Americans are honest, unselfish, neighborly, clean, free and united. Are we? All of the time?

If we ourselves dig up "buried hatchets" as soon as the war is over, we can scarcely expect our enemies to forever bury their swords.



USO Presents—

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING FOR NOSTALGIC SOLDIERS TOPS THIS WEEK

By LT. M-S. DANK
Vignette of the USO Travelers Aid. ... Wives and soldiers coming in for places to stay. ... Inductees coming for directions to the Howard Bus Station. ... Relatives coming to inquire about a son who went to camp four or five days ago for induction and has not returned home! ... Soldiers telephoning from the Post to request Travelers Aid to meet someone whom they cannot meet. ... GI's trying to contact relatives back home for money. ... ("I sorta expect a furlough soon and want them to send me some money to get home.") ... Where can I get a meal? ... Where can I take a shower? ... Will you locate my husband. ... He's at Fort Benning.

GI's away from home for their first Xmas can still enjoy the fun they had decorating the Yule Tree if they drop in the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City tonight at 9 o'clock (Benning Time). ... The club has all the fixins' and will turn over the tree to the soldiers to decorate. ... Location is 3rd and 16th streets in Phenix City. ...

According to an announcement from the Ninth Street USO the regular Tuesday Night Folk Dance class, which was inaugurated this month is meeting with great popularity. ... Club says that it may have to move the class into a larger room. ...

The YWCA USO at 1425 3rd avenue, will hold a dance for members of the OCS tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m. EWT. ... Custom has generally been for the dates to be furnished those desiring them. ... Requests for invitations should be made through special service office of the unit. ...

There will be a Carnival Mardi Gras tonight at 8 at the Negro Army-Navy YMCA USO. ... Plenty of eats are promised as well as entertainment. ... Location is 841 5th avenue. ...

There's a chance coming up for the singers of Benning to exercise their vocal chords. ... Occasion is a community sing sponsored by the Phenix City Junior Chamber of Commerce, and it will take place this Sunday from 4:30 on at the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City. ...

Another festive program taking place this week at the Ninth Street USO is the St. Patrick's church party to be held next Tuesday, the 21st. ... Personnel of the Post are urged to contact the Ninth Street club for invitations. ...

This Khaki'd World—

BY PVT. G. I. GRIPE

Miss Jean Phister of the sales commissary came to work proudly wearing her new Civilian Award medal colors last week after the big presentation in Douthboy stadium. Imagine her surprise to have a Second Looney step up and inform her that there were all sorts of laws against wearing insignia and that she really should not do it. The Looney's face was very very red when Miss Phister sweetly told him about the new award. ...

Just try to get any help from around the boys at H. Q. these days with Gipsy Rose Lee scheduled to make an appearance on New Year's Day. Corp. E. Barry Sturmer and Sgt. Carl Anthony Neum, Jr., were excited over Jane Russell but you should see them getting agitated over Rosy. ...

Pit. Hilton Greene is getting lots of special air mail from California these days. ...

WACS at Headquarters hung up some mistletoe over barracks door for decorations the other day. Couple of paratroopers were observed standing right outside and when guard told them it wasn't allowed—they said "Oh, we're just waiting, boy, just waiting." ...

Well, that's a poor way to keep the wolf off the doorstep, girls. ...

Get Lt. Mortimer Dank, formerly of CBS, to tell you about his trip to the hospital. He was pretty embarrassed when a pair of nurses walked in on him. ...

A very nice anniversary edition

those boys in the 300th put out of their "Saber." ...

Corp. Tabor was planning on donating some of his blood to the mobile blood unit. They looked at him and said "For heaven's sake, how do you expect us to find any?" ...

In the 300th, they're laughing over Pfc. Fairfax and his missing jeep. Appears that he went out on a problem week or so ago, parked his jeep, left it. Returning, he found the jeep gone. Investigation showed that pair of Colonels or something, from Infantry School, had taken it by mistake. ...

And then pity poor Company "C" of the 300th. They gave up part of their day-room so the Regimental Guard could have a place to park weary frames. Now they wish some other outfit would donate any extra space so they could have their day-room facilities back again. ...

How To Live With High Blood Pressure

Fortunately we don't see many cases of high blood pressure in the Army, because these cases are eliminated at the Induction Center. Occasionally we run into an older officer, who is suffering from this condition who needs medical aid and advice. ...

Although high blood pressure is not recognized as a disease, yet it kills more people, and it is the greatest single cause of disability. Statistics show that high blood pressure disables nearly one-third more persons than do accidents. ...

Those afflicted with this condition, can live a long comfortable life if they take the proper precautions like doing everything in moderation. Never run up a flight

Key Says—

IT WILL TAKE ALL HER INGENUITY TO GET PROPER YULE DECORATIONS

Deliberate attempts of some unknown person or persons in the army to thwart my efforts at Christmas decorations are beginning to annoy me. The efforts must be deliberate. No one could evolve so many ways of upsetting plans by mere chance. ...

For two Christmases, now, I've had designs on a few of the innumerable greens and holiday berries which grow so luxuriantly at Fort Benning. For two years I've attended lectures on how to decorate quarters with such greens and berries, and have come away from the lectures with enthusiastic plans. But for two years the army, in some cunning and devious manner, has stepped in to throw my plans awry. ...

Last year the method was very direct. At the opportune moment one of those mysterious orders appeared in the Daily Bulletin. It said, in no uncertain terms, that bushes and trees around quarters were not to be touched. I'm a law-abiding citizen, most of the time. At any rate, Christmas came and went without a magnolia leaf or a hawthorne berry to brighten mantel or table. ...

This year the approach was much more subtle. I had scanned the Bulletin minutely, on those rare occasions when my husband remembered to bring it home. There was no order, as far as I could see, barring housewives from snipping a branch of holly or a spray of laurel. My faith momentarily restored, I even went so far as to ask innumerable questions as to ways of gilding or silvers greens to give an effect that would make this Christmas one long to be remembered. ...

And then I looked out of my window to discover a crew of men industriously pruning. A way went the ligustrum, those black berries I'd counted on to glisten in silvered splendor on the mantel. Down came the hawthorne berries, which were to have been reflected in all their ruddy glory. The same fate befell the holly, the laurel, the magnolia leaves as high up as I could reach. Just too late to confront the pruners with an impassioned "woodmen, spare that tree." I was balked even in my attempt to snatch a few withered branches from the pile of debris before it was hauled away. ...

To add insult to injury, our beautifully tidy yard once more has to be raked and cleaned. In addition, windows which looked fairly passable when shrouded by a mass of shrubbery are shown in all their nakedness, and a window-washing spree is in order. Preparations for Christmas and a last-minute frantic search for suitable presents must stop while an unexpected clean-up week gets underway. ...

I've partially foiled the army's attempts to make mine a Christmas without decorations, however. I've snatched up as many pine cones as I could find, before some one decides they're essential to the war effort. I've hoarded a few red and green candles. And I have two beautiful red paper bells that will swing gallantly from chandeliers. Come Christmas morning and we'll be just as gay as we've ever been. But I'd like to find the man who contrives these fiendish ideas about denuding my bushes. He must have been disillusioned about Santa Claus when he was very, very young. ...

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

THE COLONEL CUT QUITE A FIGGER WITH THE LADIES IN HIS YOUTH

By S-GT. TOM McDONALD

"In my earlier days," began Colonel Swampwater, "I was what is commonly known as a general favorite with the young ladies of my community."

No sooner had these words been spoken—than the three young officers in the of boy's office leaned slightly forward and cocked their ears. It was evident that the "lord of the regiment" was going into a spiel, that might, with proper prompting, develop into a first-class bull session, a factor that took much of time, but nevertheless enabled a young man to sit in a warm place and listen. Both Lt. Jericho and Lt. Bawlsom surmised that this was better than going around their platoons to look at everybody's dirty feet. Foot inspection by chance arriving on the day when social visits to my leader's lair were more agreeable. ...

"Yes," continued the ol' boy, "feminine hearts fluttered with anticipation whenever I set foot upon a threshold. If we had of had movies back in those times I would have undoubtedly been the 'Tyron Power' of my day."

"You're quite handsome now, sir," added Lt. Shyleck, at the same time wondering if there was any chance of being recommended for a captaincy. "Just well preserved, my boy," grinned my leader. "I owe my enduring beauty to

Bawlsom. "Mine, too!" rejoined Lt. Shyleck. ...

"Well, then," the ol' boy assumed, "you won't mind my having a look at 'em, then. I haven't pulled a foot inspection since I was in Mexico." Is this necessary, sir?" asked Lt. Jericho. ...

"It is," replied the colonel. "In cadence, REMOVE SHOES; 1. 2. REMOVE SOCKS; 7. 2. BY THE NUMBERS, PRESENT, TOES; 1-2-3-4-5!" ...

"There! a lovely crew of toes if I ever saw any," the ol' boy cackled, "and tell me, Jericho, do you have so many holes in your socks?" ...

"I've been in the doghouse at home during the past month, sir. I forget to sign out one night and my wife restricted me to the area and put me on K.P."

"Fortunes of war, gentlemen. But now that this little inspection is over, put your socks on and inspect all the feet in your platoons! You can't use this 'bull session' trick to look ol' G.P. I uta do it myself when I was a shavetail!" ...

Three long-faced lieutenants filed barefooted out of the colonel's office as he smacked down a stick of Evergreen mint gum and

G. I. Joe Salutes Soldier In Mufti

The past 21 years have brought many revolutionary changes to Fort Benning, but Henry E. Hug, chief clerk of the Supply and Service Division and longtime civil service employee at the post, remembers only too well that one of today's biggest problems — the transportation of troops in and out of the post and the billeting of army personnel and their families — was just as big a headache in Benning's early days.

When Mr. Hug first came to the post on Dec. 22, 1922, he was principal clerk for the transportation branch of the post quartermaster, handling rail, motor and animal transportation, and in charge of the billeting branch.

There were virtually no quarters on the post at that time, and student officers attending courses at The Infantry School had to live in Columbus and come to the post in the school term ended each year on May 28, and the students all wanted to leave before June 1 to avoid paying another month's rent. Moving out 800 to 750 families at once was an annual bummer that taxed the facilities and ingenuity of the transportation branch.

Mr. Hug's civil service career started on May 16, 1918, the day after he was discharged from the army. From August of 1917 to May 15, 1918, he had been in service with the Expeditionary Quartermaster, at Newport News and Norfolk, Va. He started as a private, was promoted to sergeant, and was then commissioned a first lieutenant.

Mr. Hug served for a time at Newport News under a major who had been wounded in France and sent back for temporary duty as a transportation officer. The officer is now Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commander of The Infantry School. Mr. Hug's first civilian service for the War Department was at the army supply base at Norfolk, where he worked until coming to Benning in 1922. He held the position of chief clerk of the transportation branch until 1934, when he was made chief clerk for the quartermaster. From July 1, 1939, to December 31, 1941, he was also chief clerk for the construction quartermaster during the period when much of the present vast installations of the post were being built.

When the War Department organized the Supply and Service Division about a year ago, he became chief clerk for that division. Mr. Hug is married and has three children. The family lives at 200 Lumpkin Road on the road.

Two men whose job in the first World War was to "keep 'em rolling" are still at it in the Post Ordnance Shop, Sand Hill. The difference is that in this war their uniform is the overalls of the civilian worker.

They are Evert H. Blair, assistant armored foreman, and Thomas C. Joiner, assistant shop foreman and inspector. They did maintenance work on army vehicles in the last war, filled the gap between wars in the same type of work, and now service tanks for the various armored divisions which have been stationed at Sand Hill.

Mr. Blair, a native of Williamsport, Pa., was in service with a motor transport outfit from June 15, 1918, to May 28, 1919. He was stationed first at Camp Johnston, Fla., and sent to Fort Meade, Md., in January, 1919. After his discharge from the army, he worked as a civilian mechanic with the motor transport branch at Meade, but due to some clerical error, he was not entered on civil service records until March 7, 1920, when he started work in the automotive shops at Fort Meade.

Mr. Blair came to Fort Benning in 1922 and was assigned to tank maintenance in the Post Ordnance Shop.

Mr. Blair, who is married and has two children, lives at 3618 Buena Vista Road, Columbus.

Mr. Joiner served in the 336th Tank Battalion from July 26, 1918, to June 19, 1919. On June 30, 1919, he was employed in the ordnance department at Fort Meade, where he worked until 1923. At that time he went to Panama to do experimental work with tanks, and returned to Meade in 1924.

He remained there until he was transferred to the Post Ordnance Shop at Benning in 1926. When he was a recruit at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa., Mr. Joiner's commanding officer was a major named Dwight D. Eisenhower—now General Eisenhower, Allied commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean theater.

Mr. Joiner is married and has five children. The family lives at T-100 Perkins Street, Fort Benning.

Chaplain Condon Assigned To ASTP Sixth Regiment

Chaplain John Paul Condon has reported to the ASTP Basic Training Center and has been assigned to the 6th Training Regiment, according to an announcement by Colonel Wilson M. Spann, commanding officer of the Center.

Chaplain Condon attended the Woodcock, R. I. Public schools and Mt. St. Charles Academy of the same city. Also Providence College, Providence, R. I., Grand Seminary, St. Eusebe, France and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland.

He received his commission as 1st lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps on November 30 of this year and shortly thereafter received his assignment to Fort Benning.

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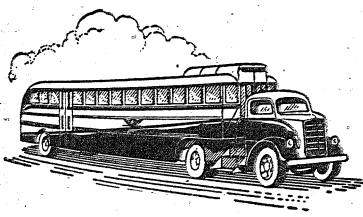
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CHUTE MAKERS INSPECT HANDIWORK

Chute Makers See Products In Action Here

Ten representatives of various parachute-manufacturing concerns recently visited the Parachute School here on an invitation from school officials to allow them to see their products in action. The men came to Fort Benning on the invitation of Major Richard C. Alverson, chief of the Maintenance Section.

Guests included Edward Bolen, of the National Automotive Fibres, Inc., Detroit, Mich.; O. J. Mink of the Bellanca Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.

Also included were R. Switlik, of the Switlik Manufacturing Co. of New Jersey, both of whom were instrumental in the development of the towers now such an integral part of parachute training at Fort Benning.

These men received their inspiration for the first towers at Hightstown, N. J., from Amelia Earhart, who brought the idea back from her trip to Russia, where the use of towers for novice parachutists had been in vogue for quite some time. The towers used at the New York World's Fair in 1939 were based on the experiments of the Switlik Company, and the Fair's towers were the forerunner of the ones in use here today.

Major Alverson in describing the school to the industrialists, said: "Through refinements in instruction and the improved equipment supplied by your respective companies, injuries have been reduced to such a degree that today's Paratrooper stands less than one per cent chance of being injured while making a parachute jump."

Are you planning to telephone the folks back home during the holiday season? The telephone company suggests you avoid the 7 to 10 p. m. busy time, and you'll have a better chance of getting your call through. This is a good suggestion any time but is a particularly good point to keep in mind at Christmas time.

Another part of parachuting was keenly observed by J. J. Maskey, of Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, O. He observed the ways in which material can be dropped to troops, and the various arrangements of the big cargo planes for carrying supplies on the outside of the fuselage.

Joe Crane, representing the Atlantic Parachute Mfg. Co., smiled when the pilot, prior to taking the visitors up to watch some Paratroopers jump, came back and gave him instructions on how to use a chute—Mr. Crane has 641 jumps to his credit.

ALL IMPRESSED

The visitors, many of whom had never been here before, were amazed at the size and completeness of the school. Watching the care with which the men were handled and inspected through each stage to minimize injury, they were all of the opinion that little else could be added by them.

ONE FELLOW WHO REALLY "found a home in the Army" is Pvt. Chippy, shown above, peering from his aluminum foxhole. How the baby squirrel managed to maneuver his way into a G I tin cup is the photographer's secret, but the animal is rationed and quartered with the 7th Armored Division in the field "Somewhere in Georgia" for the duration. (Official U. S. Army Photo—7th A. D.)

653rd TD Bn. Awards 27 Conduct Medals

The Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to 24 enlisted men of the 653rd Tank Destroyer Battalion located in the Sand Hill area.

Coming to this station in September from Camp Hood, Texas, home of the famous battle-conditioning course, the 653rd is the only Tank Destroyer outfit in Fort Benning.

Those awarded the Good Conduct Medal by Major Joseph Sill, Jr., commanding officer, are: Headquarters Company: T. Sgt. Joseph L. Clark, S. Sgt. Leonard F. Sharp, Sgt. Albert N. Erion, T-4 Allen Fremey, T-4 Stephen G. Rendulic, Cpl. Danny Scarletto, Cpl. Charles F. Connell and T-5 Oscar Kehrer; Reconnaissance Company: S. Sgt. George Aycock, S. Sgt. Jack E. Ertmann, S. Sgt. Robert B. Proper, T-4 Elwyn C. Scheiber, Cpl. Frank E. Mitchell, Pvt. Robert L. Dorrick and Pvt. Hollis D. Kittingler; Company A: T-4 Hamilton J. Allen, T-4 Ralph F. Hoover, and T-4 John L. Pettis; Company B: 1st Sgt. Virgil E. Becker, S. Sgt. Harry Brechtel, T-4 James D. Summers and T-4 Thomas M. Snellings; and Company C: T-4 George J. Helbert and T-5 George A. Thurnau.

If you can't get home for Christmas and expect to call instead, the telephone company suggests you let your family or girl friend know approximately when you will call. Plan your conversation, too. This will keep your call brief and enable others to get a line sooner.

Frequently a telephone call takes quite a while to complete. This will be especially true at Christmas, so if you encounter a delay, please be patient—the telephone company will do everything possible to get your call through.

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Parachute Paragraphs

By Sgt. Fountain Meadows
THERE ISN'T MUCH PARACHUTE IN THESE PARAGRAPHS. There won't be any flashy P-38s, or tanks or destroyers or any of the headline headlines that newspapers relish so ecstatically. I'm warning you now that if you're looking for thrills or dash or glamour today you'd better drop this right now and search out SUPERMAN. There wouldn't seem to be very much super about the men I am going to write about. Maybe there is though—let's look and see.

Every war has had its heroes. The headline-hawkers, fortune tellers or very few of us get the official nod of "HERO." We get our share of public and parental approval. We get along. But there are other men who do jobs in the service that may not be too pleasant and that offer very little chance for the old glory road. They do things that have to be done. They do things without which there could be no winning peace. They are essential.

TAKE PFC WILBUR T. JONES AND PFC COLA MAC CARRIE up at the First Academic company at the Parachute School. These two men are the company firemen. Yes, they don't do anything but keep steaming hot water at faucets' touch 24 hours a day in all the barracks of the company. On top of that they keep all the buildings warm and healthful in this humbly cold climate. Now the point is THIS DO THEIR JOB. Sure we could get along without heat and water, maybe. Maybe we could get along without ice cream or USO or a lot of things that together spell WIN, Maybe

we could. These two men are not doing a job that could be called exciting. They are not learning a vital trade. They are not getting rich at it. All they are doing is serving their country in a way that is directly contributing to Victory.

There is a job which is so unobtrusive and quiet that no one would ever notice it except maybe to register not too much approval of a man who doesn't jump out of airplanes or drive a tank or plane. Day after day they do their job 100 per cent.

Now look yourself in the eye and say the same thing. This is the Stare in which everything taught the student (we fervently hope) is put to the acid test of reality—the real live thing. This is the event towards which the student has been gunning since the day he put his application through channels to volunteer for service with the Parachute Infantry. This, brother, is IT!

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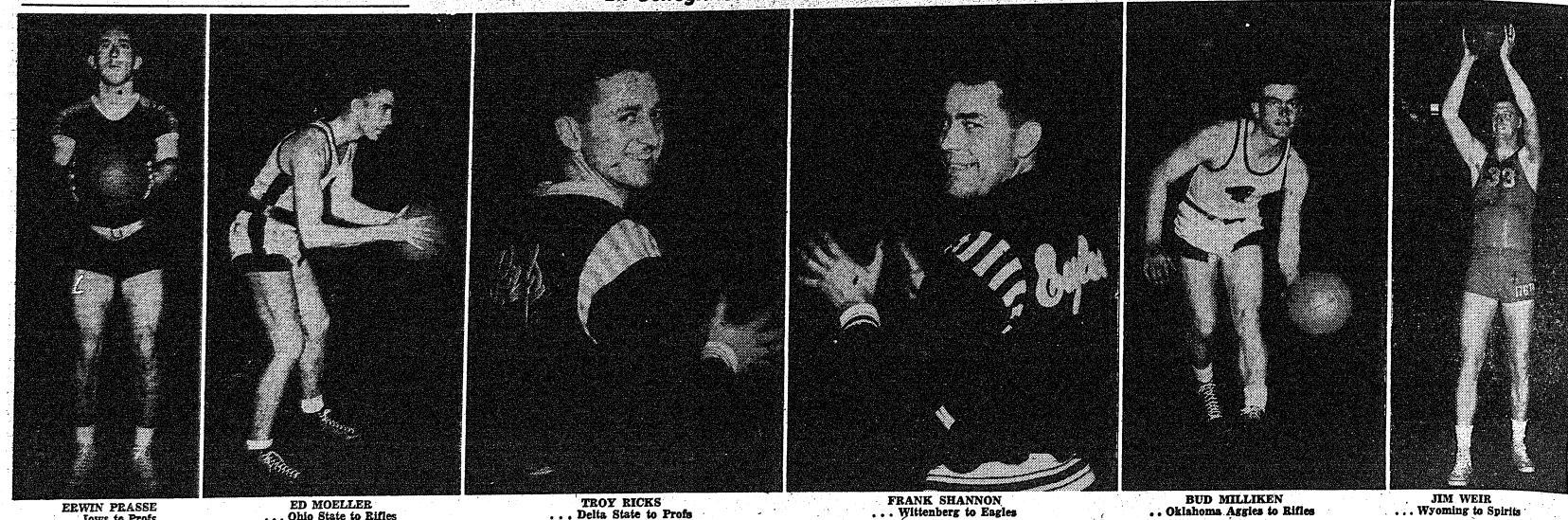
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Two Strong 8-Club Leagues Ready for Court Season

Star-Studded TIS Loop Gets Under Way Tonight

Twin Bills Slated for Post Gym, Sports Arena Starting at 7:30

A galaxy of court stars that would do justice even to the famous hardwood of Madison Square Garden will swing into action tonight in the opening games of the Infantry School League, a circuit that is expected to be the strongest in post history.

Collegians and pros from almost every sector of the country are listed on the rosters of the eight clubs. So great is the collection of cord-ripping talent that no one team rates as an outstanding favorite. Critics generally concede that at least six of the eight star-studded entries rate a chance to come through as first-half champions.

The opening games of the league on Thursday night at the Main Gym slates the Academic Profs against the 6th Training Regiment Eagles and in the nightcap, the 17th Spirits will renew their athletic rivalry with the 300th Sabers. Out in Harmony Church Sports Arena, the 3rd Student Training Regiment Eagles will open the 4th Training Regiment Spartans. The nightcap game will pit the ASTP Headquarters Leaders and the 131st Infantry Snipers.

OUTLINE OF TEAMS

Here is an outline of the teams in the circuit this year:

17th Infantry Spirits—coached by Lt. Kirk Gebert, an All-American from Washington State, captain of its 1942 team. The team has plenty of height from Jim Weir, six-foot five center from Wyoming University, winner of the National Collegiate tournament last year. (Weir was picked on Grantland Rice's All-American last year.) Leo Mogus, six foot four, from Youngstown University; Leo Phillips, six foot three, from Cold Springs, Minnesota; Marv Lee, six foot three, with two years of UCLA varsity ball; Bob Waterfield, six foot one, also from UCLA; Sparky Suchara, six foot even, Spiritus catcher; and Fred De Cicco, a six foot one, also from UCLA. Others include John Sweeney, E. Pittsburgh; Walt Poland, Pittsburg; John Hamlin, Murray State; Bernal Konopasek, Griffith, Ind.; High Joe Novack, Farrell, Pa.; George Petriska, Connersville, Pa.; and Roy Stout, Anderson, Ind., High.

300th Infantry Sabers, coached by Lt. Frank Hebenstreit, a three year varsity man from Creighton University. He's six foot two. Bob Halliday, six foot even, played three years on Yale's varsity. Tom Whalen, a five foot eight center, played three years at Wesleyan. Leon May played freshman ball at Oklahoma and Kansas Universities. John "Jug" Stuart has varsity experience from Oklahoma A. and M. Andy Marsch played freshman ball at Michigan, Burrell Fuchner was an all-state guard from Houston, Texas. Lefty Francis played with the 2nd STR Leaders last year and previously with the Profs. Lefty East played varsity ball with the Bearded Wizard. Ray Dobler is a product of the University of North Dakota where he played freshman basketball. The squad also includes John Manuel, Keewatin City, Minn.; Bernard Rabe, Charter Oak, Conn.; and Fred Grate, of North Hollywood, Calif.

LT. PAWLINA COACH

131st Infantry Snipers coached by Lt. A. B. Pawlina, non-playing coach from Duquesne University. The Snipers have four six-footers who should provide plenty of opposition. Eugene Hussey a six foot four is the giant of the team. He's from the University of Maine. Bob Burke, who set a school record for six foot three, played varsity ball at the University of California. Leslie Peden played four years at Texas A. and M. and Bob Brenner, another six footer, has a year and a half of varsity ball at the University of Pennsylvania under his belt. Then there are Bob Burke, who set a school record for six foot three, played varsity ball at the University of California. Leslie Peden played four years at Texas A. and M. and Bob Brenner, another six footer, has a year and a half of varsity ball at the University of Pennsylvania under his belt. Then there are Bob Burke, who set a school record for six foot three, played varsity ball at the University of California. Leslie Peden played four years at Texas A. and M. and Bob Brenner, another six footer, has a year and a half of varsity ball at the University of Pennsylvania under his belt.

Leaders Enter Late—The STR Leaders, coached by Lt. Fred A. Taylor, who incidentally is the only officer on the team, entered the circuit late in the league late, replacing the Fifth Training Regiment. Lieutenant Taylor is a product of the University of Missouri. Maynard Youngstead played ball at the University of Kentucky.

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Veteran Flier Quintet Favorite In Post Loop

Metcalfe, Hall and Crow Return To Bolster Lawson Field Hopes

Eight fast court machines will pry the lid off the 1942-43 Fort Benning League campaign next Monday when they collide in a pair of twin bills at the post gym and the sports arena in Harmony Church.

Entrants in the post league, whose eventual winner will battle the TIS champs for post honors, are Lawson Field, Parachute School, Station Hospital, 335th Ordnance, 25th Field Artillery, 1st STR, 6th Regiment, and 252nd Field Artillery.

Spartan Five Seeks First-And Last Win

4th T. R. Squad Ends Training After Tonight

When the 4th Basic Training Regiment Spartans tee off against the 3rd Student Training Regiment Rifles in one of the opening games of the Infantry School basketball league tonight, they'll be shooting the works for their first and last victory of the season. Short after tonight's game, the players will have completed their cycle in the Basic Training Center and a new team will be recruited to carry on for the balance of the season.

The Spartans are now made up chiefly of men from the Second Battalion of the regiment. They were selected to represent the regiment because of their outstanding play in the ASTP league. Capt. Frank Cronin, coach of the team, has been handicapped in his preparation for the league season because not all of his players were available for practice at the same time, some of them being in bivouac.

However, he feels he has a bunch of talented boys on the club that will tackle the Rifles tonight and is pretty certain he can dig up some equally as good replacements for the games to come. All of the men on the team, excepting the coach, are privates.

WIEB MISSING

The 17th Infantry will play without the services of Lt. Jim Weir, 1943 All-American from Wyoming who is on leave, but otherwise, the team in the circuit are in good shape for their opening battles.

New players have bolstered the 131st Infantry Snipers. . . The 300th Infantry Sabers, about which little was known, played convincingly in defeating Camp Rucker in a practice game last week. . . The 17th Spirits, the Rifles and the 6th Regiment Eagles have shown well in practice games, as have the ASTP Headquarters Leaders, late comers to the circuit.

The Academic Profs didn't click in their first practice game against the Wolves. . . The 131st Infantry Snipers, who have been making a name for themselves on the club to be doormats for any team in the circuit.

They open the Main Post and of the season against the Eagles tonight while the Spirits play the Sabers. The Harmony Church program calls for a clash between the Leaders and Snipers as well as the Spartan-Rifles affair.

LOGAN SPARKLES

Bob Logan, Neb's pivot man from the University of Tennessee, looped in six field goals and converted twice to lead the night's scoring with 14 points. . . Logan, who was the offensive, was also off-form on the scoring, missing frequently but still hitting the hoops for 12 points. . . Ost operating for the Profs from the guard slot, sank five field goals, one of them a beautiful clean shot from mid-air. . . Niebler, spearhead of the defensive, sprinting down the court again and again to intercept long passes. Prasse was perhaps the only Prof who looked ready for league competition, playing smoothly and feeding well.

Mickey Panovich Of 1st STR Five Ex-Uclan Cager

You mean that fast, new forward playing on the Wolves' front? Yep, he's Lieutenant Mickey J. Panovich, UCLA basketball star until Uncle Sam grabbed him early this year.

Assigned to the Officers' Replacement Pool of the Infantry School, Mickey is a welcome addition to the 1st Student Training Regiment's rapidly-shaping basketball team.

Can He Do It Again?



Col. Cox: "Go Get It, Spirit!"

300th Topples Chutists, Rucker in Early Battles

1st STR Wolves Prime For Game With Chutists

Scarlet and white clad basketballers of the 1st Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School, will take the court against the Parachute School for their opening game of the season on December 20, at 7:30 p. m. in the post gym.

The 1st S. T. R.'s Wolves, loaded with ex-high school and college stars, have been working out under the capable direction of Lieutenant Nick Thermos, himself a former Illinois man.

EX-UCLAN ACE

Sparked by Mickey Panovich, flashy forward at UCLA, last year, Bill Skurdish, three sport man at Pitt, Thomson of the University of Minnesota, Richardson from U of Pennsylvania, Bogard of Indiana, Arlie Wright from North Carolina; Freddie Thomas, ex-Rocky, Va., semi-pro star; Bill Combs, Louisiana flash, and a host of others, the Wolves give every indication of being a real headache to the rest of the league.

With four practice sessions behind them and several more scheduled before their debut, Thermos anticipates fielding a smooth, fast, flashy outfit.

FIGHTING TEAM

Enthusiasm throughout the regiment is running high with rosters at practice sessions nightly. Coach Thermos refuses to commit himself concerning the championship but he states that the "Wolves will be the fightin' team the Regiment has yet seen and any team that ticks them will be good, very good!"

More than half a million feet of lumber are needed at the shipyard to construct a Liberty ship. . . The 1st Student Training Regiment's rapidly-shaping basketball team.

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Tigers to Meet Unbeaten Camp Forrest Eleven In Title Clash New Year's Day

Reception Center to Battle Service Foes In Victory Bowl Tilt

January 1st Classic Is Slated For Memorial Stadium In City

By PRIVATE LEWIS SWINGLER

Fort Benning's Reception Center gridiron squad, undefeated and untied in their seven-game sweep this fall against some of the strongest teams of the country, will take the field again New Year's Day to meet the only other undefeated, untied colored service eleven in the country, the Camp Forrest (Tenn.) Tornadoes, for the southeastern grid title. Col. Ulic N. James, commanding officer of the Reception Center, announced this morning.

Designated the "Victory Bowl," the New Year's Day classic is the largest crowd to turn out to Memorial Stadium, Columbus. Football fans from nearby Alabama and Georgia will be invited to witness the contest, sponsored by the USO Colored Army-Navy Y.M.C.A. and Farley, director for the purpose of establishing a USO Troops-in-Transit Lounge for colored soldiers in Columbus.

Mr. Farley, veteran promoter of some of the most successful football games staged in this country, said that special referees are being offered to Fort Benning service men. Tickets, available at headquarters of each company, will sell for fifty cents to soldiers, and their wives and girl companions will be given the same rate. Regular admission will be \$1.50 in advance, and \$1.25 at the gate. Mr. Farley stated. Tickets in Columbus can be purchased at the USO Colored Army-Navy Y.M.C.A., 611 Fifth Avenue, and Hugh Bentley's Sports Store, 1305 Broadway.

Captain Charles E. Houghland, coach of the Reception Center unbeaten eleven, asserted that his boys are ready to accept any challenge. "We are going to win this game, and except for a few minor injuries are in tip-top shape. Reception Center soldiers will be playing their team to the fullest. The band will be on hand in all its musical glory for the occasion. Captain Houghland continued.

The 11th Company, Third Striding Training Regiment, The Infantry School has a real fighting man in it. While very modest, he still shows the part in the battle from the souvenirs he has. His story make one see the serious side of war, one which is hard to realize when so far away from it. One of his famous stories will show the soldiers, but the big boys learn that "Jap" with Air Corps boys, just coming in on the island, Jap baited the Japs and other objects.

Another story, not so humorous, is about a wounded lieutenant from Charlie's company, who was wounded while being taken back to the rear. The boy, according to Charlie, the boy didn't hate the Japs, but after seeing some of their favorite tricks their enemy, the ruthless Japs, didn't bother the boy half as much as the conditions the boy had to live under. "The Jap soldier isn't as good as our boys, they are just like us, but they are of a different type of fighting man," says Charlie.

The highest ranking enlisted soldier in the Air Force was 1st Sergeant Wade L. Oxford, who was topkick of Co. C, 300th Infantry.

Five years of service behind him, when it was activated a year ago, from the 124th Infantry. Always air-minded, he finally took to the Air Force and seeks to achieve his lifelong ambition to fly.

Other men included among those leaving were Sgt. Joseph C. Frederick, Masem of Cannon Company; Pvt. William Brewer of Co. F; Pvt. James Comer of Co. F; Sgt. William E. Dahlstrom of Co. F; Pvt. Duane Wilkinson of Co. H; Pvt. Charles Fulkerson of Co. F; Pvt. Marvin Gilbertson of Co. F; Pvt. William Linger of Co. H; Pvt. Robert Mullane of Service Co.; Pvt. Robert Nurse of Service Co.; Pvt. Robert Sanders of Co. M; and Thomas Tesoriero of Co. M.

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Joe Louis Will Box in Wind-Up of 8-Bout Card At Sports Arena During Visit Here December 29

Six Local Matches Will Precede Two Exhibitions by Former Pros

Joe Louis, reigning heavyweight champion of the world, will appear in the wind-up bout of an all-colored ring card in the Harmony Church Sports Arena when he visits the post on Wednesday, December 29, it was announced yesterday by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer.

The Brown Bomber will tangle with his travelling mate, George Nicholson, in what probably will be a three-rounder. The semi-winner will pit Sugar Robinson, welter claimant, against George Wilson, ex-welter champ in another exhibition.

The remainder of the eight-bout card will consist of local talent with the bouts getting up to 7 o'clock sharp. Colonel Finnegan is now busy making seating arrangements for the bouts so that the spacious arena can accommodate a maximum throng of ring fans.

Main post fans who cannot make the trek to the Harmony Church Arena will have an opportunity to watch the Brown Bomber in the afternoon at Doughty Stadium on an outdoor boxing and also a short talk during the stadium show he will give an exhibition of rope-kicking, bag-punching and shadow-boxing and also a short talk on physical fitness. The afternoon will start at 3 p. m.

Poschner Named On Second Team

One of the outstanding members of the 176th Infantry's Infantry School Championship football team, 2nd Lt. George W. Poschner has been selected as an end on the second string All-Southern team. Previously, Poschner had made the first team on the All-Southeastern selections.

"I was born in Youngstown, Ohio," said Lt. Poschner, "and after a few years of ball playing, I was drafted by the Detroit Lions for pro ball, but I entered the Army instead."

While in high school, Lt. Poschner made All-State and his last two years in school and in college made the All-Southeastern second team, six first teams and seven second All-American teams.

"I'd like to get into pro ball when this war is all over, and after a few years of ball playing, I'd like to coach some college, and coach that is. I certainly like the game."

"We had a darn swell bunch of men this year with the Spirits. If we could have played together one more year, I feel certain we could have been one of the top teams of the nation."

"Army teams have more experienced men, but a good college team should be able to beat any army team. It is difficult for an army football player to stay in shape. Conditioning counts much more than the game, and always play for keeps. Sandlot, high school, college, army or professional, I give it all five goes."

TIS Promotes Six Officers

Promotions of one captain and five lieutenants have been announced at headquarters of the 176th Infantry School. Those advanced were:

From captain to major: Donald P. Smith, of New York, assistant secretary in the Academic Department.

From first lieutenant to captain: James J. Kelly of Hartford, Conn., and Fred C. Ordway of the 12th Company of the 3rd Striding Training Regiment; William J. Stromer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Arthur E. Fennell, Jr., of the 12th Company of the 3rd Striding Training Regiment.

From second lieutenant to first lieutenant: Bernard L. Tauber, of the 12th Company of the 3rd Striding Training Regiment, and the 252nd Field Artillery Battalion.

Units of the 176th Regiment from this post had just completed their parade marking the recent opening of the motorcade of the Infantry School "Army" in nearby Columbus. Leading the column had been a lively portrayal of "The Spirit of '76," the regimental adaptation of the famous painting.

As the trio stood by the side of the truck awaiting transportation, an officer approached and motioned the men into one of the parked trucks. The trio of the "Spirit of '76" was hailed over the tail gate of the truck to find themselves in the midst of a truckful of WACS.

A moment of embarrassed silence, and then, from the back of the truck, George Washington's men didn't know what they missed!

They're Demoted Fast When They Go To School

Old soldiers on this post blink in amazement whenever they see an Infantry company commanded by a full colonel, every platoon led by a lieutenant colonel.

The 176th Regiment, where over 190 officers, ranking from 1st lieutenant to colonel, are stationed, have gathered to attend the Officers Advanced Course at the Infantry School. Senior officers, as a rule, have been chosen as student leaders.

Student company commander is Colonel James J. Milligan, a 1st General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Army War College at Washington, D. C., before reporting to the Infantry School.

First sergeant of the class is Lieutenant Colonel Frank H. Fredeman, also a veteran of the first World War. The second is Colonel William M. Binkley, the third, and Lieutenant Colonel Frederick W. Maxwell, the fourth platoon.

Nope, They Didn't Know What They Missed

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Soldiers to See World Series Film

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(A) preview of the American League's 10th annual baseball movie was given yesterday by sports writers acting as film critics gave the film unqualified endorsement.

The new film is a departure from previous years, being confined to action in the 1943 world series with no features demonstrating phases of plays and instructions by the game's stars.

Lew Fonseca, American league movie producer and director, said the movie would be exhibiting to millions of service men and would be distributed to sports and fraternal organizations.

Keep a tab On your gabi!

From 10 p. m. to 11 p. m. EWT, the Fort Benning broadcast will be picked up from the Sports Arena in the Harmony Church area where the ASTP will be presenting a Christmas Night program of music with massed bands and a massed choir of 250 voices, to climax the entire day's activities from the Post.

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lace Felden, Lt. James Krueck, Lt. Louis Magin, Lt. Lewis McKinney, and Vernon Noah.

The Junior Choir consists of: Kathryn Andes, Margaret Andes, Allen Blair, Clifford Brown, Dorothy Flippo, Suzanne Gilmore, Bobby Freund, Jean and Joan Goss, Katherine Helfer, Diane Henderson, Mary L. Jent, Daisy Reed, Patricia Meyers, William Meyers, Ratty Peters, Roddy Parker, Eleanor Pollack, Helen Ruter, Richard Ruter, Donald Ruter, and Joyce Shilling.

Mrs. L. H. Merritt is organizer for the morning choir and Sgt. Stanley Bird for the evening choir with Cpl. Betty Harrison as assistant.

The chorists are directed by Mrs. J. O. Methvin.

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will sing Christmas carols in the recreation hall; Tuesday evening a floor show and orchestra will entertain in recreation hall; Wednesday evening there will be special movies; Thursday an Italian orchestra will present a concert in recreation hall; and Friday (New Year's Eve) the carefully planned ball.

At the Harmony Church branch the festivities start next Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, with a Christmas program staged by a group of Columbus children, and concludes on the following week (Thursday, Dec. 30, with the "Merry Maids" dance.

The three "Christmas Days" (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) scheduled events include a movie in the afternoon and a Christmas tree and program Christmas Eve, and the "Merry Maids" dance. Christmas afternoon and evening, and an open house with music and refreshments on Sunday.

Rooms Needed For Christmas

Response to the appeal of Col. William H. Hobson, post commander, to military personnel with quarters at Fort Benning to open their homes to the wives, mothers, and families of officers and enlisted men during the Christmas season has been fairly satisfactory. Lt. J. W. Myers, Jr., post billeting officer, announced today.

However, Lt. Myers said, there still is a great demand for additional places for families of officers and enlisted men to stay, although temporarily there are a few rooms available for use of officers' wives or families during the holiday season.

Officers who desire a place for their family or wife to stay should apply at the post billeting office, phone No. FB-3505, immediately, the billeting officer said. Enlisted billeting officers of bringing their wives, mothers or families to the post should apply to Service Club No. 1 or the Hostess house.

If any charges at all are made, the fee will not exceed 50 cents, take care of cost of linen and other items.

Pointing out that in one case an officer who is to be away from the post during the holidays is throwing open his entire home for his family, Lt. Myers urged that any other residents of the post who can take members of officer's or enlisted men's families during the holiday season contact his office at once.

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and the 176th Infantry will join for a half hour broadcast.

Then, at 1:45 p. m., the broadcast will shift to Service Club No. 5 in the Harmony Church area where Joseph D. Cole and a chorus will be presenting a program. Fifteen minutes of this will be picked up and at 2 p. m. the Seventh Armored Division will take over the radio the 5th A.S.D. Lt. William Karrenbauer, assistant special service officer, will present a dramatic skit and band music for an hour.

At 3 p. m., the tea dance music of the Lawson IFed Orchestra will be picked up from Service Club No. 1, and there will be greetings from various commanding officers of different installations on the Post.

After that, WRBL will begin to pick up the national and international broadcasts that CBS will be carrying for Christmas Day.

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Movie Tom Sawyer Is ASTP Student

Among the various ASTP candidates who have trained here at Benning, there have been a few names which are familiar to the public in the world of sport and entertainment. The prize catch of them all, however, has turned up in the 8th Company, 2nd Battalion, of the 4th Training Regiment.

Practically all of us have, at one time or another, read Mark Twain's famous "Tom Sawyer." A few years back, David L. Selznick decided to produce it on the screen. To find a typical boy to play the leading role was a problem. A search was started, which resulted in 25,000 boys being tested for the part.

Finally, selected at random from a schoolroom in St. Raymond's Grammar School in the Bronx, was freckle-faced Tom Sawyer. Tommy had had no previous experience whatsoever, but with six months of testing and practice, he started work on the film.

Since "Tom Sawyer," Kelly has appeared in numerous other films, including "Peck's Bad Boy with the Circus," "Trent," "They Shall Have Music," and "Andy Hardy Goes to Town." A few months back he was selected to play the part of "Chicken in Guadalupe." However, just before work started on the picture, Uncle Sam put in a priority bid for Kelly's services.

Quite naturally, his experiences as a movie star were many. Kelly's greatest thrill came while on a personal appearance tour of the nation in '39, shortly after the release of "Tom Sawyer." He attended the President's Birthday Ball in Washington, where he had the honor of meeting and talking to President Roosevelt.

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Door-to-Door Mail Delivery

Delivery of Christmas packages to the quarters of military personnel and their families living in assigned quarters on the post, not including bachelor officers, got under way Monday by the Post Army Post Office, it was announced by Captain William O'Connell, post postal officer at Fort Benning.

Officer, warrant officers and enlisted men of the first three grades who have assigned quarters are named, rank, quarters address, telephone number and names of other persons residing in their quarters, would receive the benefit of Christmas package delivery, Capt. O'Connell stated.

Delivery of the packages, he said, will be made only to those who have filled out the form and returned it to the postal officer, since there is no other sure means of obtaining correct residential addresses of military personnel living in assigned quarters.

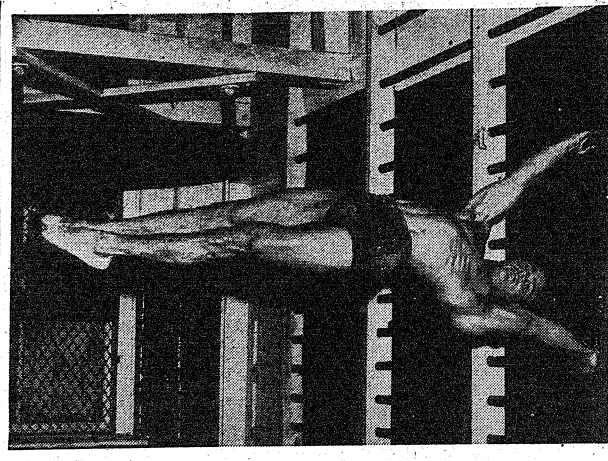
'Pearl Harbor' Class Graduates

Two noteworthy specialist classes in the 4th Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment, were graduated from the Infantry School this week.

In the 24th Company, a "Pearl Harbor" group of enlisted communication experts completed their instruction on December 7. After Captain Charles E. Farmer, commanding officer, lauded their commander Master Sergeant William J. Tinschmidt for the way he had handled the class, its members scattered afar to lend their trained hands to the victory effort.

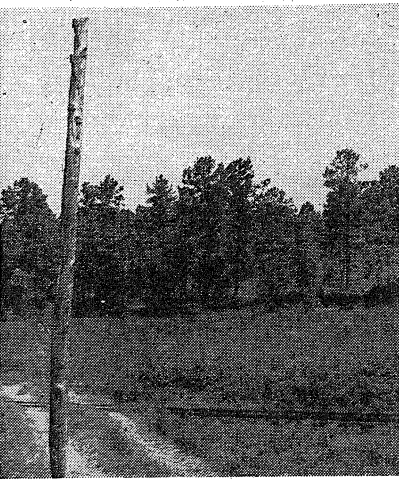
Its largest Enlisted Motor class was graduated from Captain Dale K. Johnson's 20th Company. Of the 128 to start, 116 students finished the course.

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THE MIGHTY MASS O' MUSCLE pictured here is Sgt. Donald Dostad, instructor at the Parachute School, as he worked towards a new one-armed push-up record of 530 consecutive repetitions in the YMCA Gym in Columbus. Not satisfied with this effort, Sgt. Dostad, a former professional acrobat, began walking on his hands, and approximately one hour later had covered a distance of 1200 feet to better by 720 feet the existing mark. A native of Omaha, Neb., Sgt. Dostad is an instructor in "C" Stage of the Parachute School and paratroopers all over the world will remember him from their first days at "C" Stage Jump Training. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Picture Of The Week!!!



ONE OF THE FAMOUS LANDMARKS of Fort Benning is the Chattahoochee Railroad. This is a picture of it. It is a very pretty picture. The railroad is in the front (foreground to you). On top are, 1, to 2, some sky; some clouds; some more sky; some more clouds. The photographer was sent out to get his picture to illustrate a story for the Bayonet. The only reason the train isn't in it is that the engineer got tired of waiting for the cameraman to get set up and he left before the shot was taken. The Public Relations Office doesn't know what to do with the picture, even though there are some very pretty trees in the scene, and the camera composition is perfect with the spreading elm in the foreground, left. If you can tell us what to do with the picture let us know... and we've already thought of your first idea and have rejected it.

Overseas Red Cross Clubs Plan Yule Observance

Christmas observances of American fighting men in more than 55 commands all around the world, including the isolated islands in all oceans, will be held in all overseas Red Cross clubs, hospital recreation rooms and other Red Cross activities, it was announced today by Ralph J. Mitchell, field director of the American Red Cross at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Aided by special kits of holiday decorations and favors, the Red Cross, which had a staff of 3,668 men and women overseas as of September 30, has made special arrangements to help servicemen overseas capture the Christmas spirit in the traditional American fashion insofar as possible.

Red Cross Chairman Norman H. Davis, who returned September 20 from a month's survey of Red Cross activities in Great Britain, North Africa and Sicily, also reported that top ranking generals in the Army in every area visited were highly satisfied with the magnificent job the Red Cross is doing for the morale of troops and hospitalized men, Mitchell said.

ALL OVER WORLD
Continually expanding, Red Cross overseas operations are going on not only in the major operating theaters such as Great Britain, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Middle East, China, India, Australia, islands in the Southwest

Pacific, Iceland, and Hawaii, but also in many other localities including Panama, Bermuda, Brazil, Curacao, Aruba, Trinidad, Newfoundland, Greenland, and the South Pacific.

Many clubs are operating in the Middle East—in Egypt, Palestine, the Libyan Desert, along the Persian Gulf, and in the Arabian Peninsula, where a club-mobile would be inoperative. Expansion in the China, Burma, India theater is rapid to meet arising needs, and supplies have sometimes been dropped by parachute to men in points not readily reached by road.

POW FOOD PARCELS
Mitchell also revealed that 6,225,236 prisoner of war food parcels have been shipped by the United States and Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees by the Red Cross from January 1, 1941, to September 30, 1943.

The long-awaited sailing of the diplomatic exchange ship "Gripsholm" on September 2 provided cargo space for 1,300,000 worth of relief supplies for American military prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East. Fifty per cent of the cargo was marked for off-loading in the Philippine Islands, and the American Red Cross sent 3,200 special parcels to those prisoners and internees who had no next of kin or whose next of kin lived outside the United States.

Special Yule Service Planned For Spirits
Special Christmas communion services will be conducted December 25 by Chaplain Arnold Lewis for men of the 176th Infantry, Colonel Frank M. Thompson, chief of chaplains, announced Wednesday. The services will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Chapel, and will be held for those unable to attend other scheduled Yuletide worship.

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Benning Seeks To Better Food Saving Record

Not satisfied with having already effected a saving of about half a pound of food per man per day, even greater savings now are contemplated through enlargement of the Food Service Program for troops in the Army Service Forces units at Fort Benning, it was announced today by Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, mess supervision officer at the Post.

The wider program has now been inaugurated with addition of three officers who will act as supervisors for groups of enlisted men's messes, exchanges, service clubs, cafeterias and officer club messes.

First steps in reduction of waste on the post were started last March through a closer supervision of planning, better planning of meals, and an educational program among the personnel aimed against wasting of food.

50,000 LBS. PER MONTH
The average of about 50,000 pounds per month now is saved in food at Fort Benning. And with the new enlarged program even greater savings are expected. At the same time, quality of meals served has been constantly bettered, Colonel Veazey reports.

"The new food service program will be co-ordinated with the quartermaster, staff officer, post nutrition officer, menu board and Bakers and Cooks School," Col. Veazey said. "Although we have accomplished much, there is still a great deal that can be done. We plan on continuing close supervision of food, and to carry on campaigns of education among men in mess halls."

The Post Food Supervisor now is in a position also to co-ordinate the food service program of any other organization outside the Fourth Service Command which has appointed a mess supervisor. We hope that these organizations will take advantage of this program," Colonel Veazey pointed out that if through closer supervision and planning, food waste can be cut down even a tenth of a pound per man per day, the new plan will save about 45,000 pounds of food, valued at about \$5,000 each month. If all the organizations on the post can do the same, savings of around 270,000 pounds of food will result.

FOOD EXPERTS NAMED
The three officers appointed today to act with Colonel Veazey are all mess experts. One is the well known Captain Louis Albert, well known throughout the Army as a welterweight champion of the Orient, and later known for refereeing boxing matches through the Army and Navy. Another is the Bakers and Cooks school at Fort Benning, he has been on trouble shooting jobs for the Fourth Service Command for several months, now returns to supervise detachment messes, cafeterias and officers club messes on the Main Post.

Capt. John W. Foster, mess supervisor for Reception Center messes, will take over the new work for all of the messes at the Reception Center, in addition to his regular duties. Lieut. J. C. Townsend, a graduate of the Bakers and Cooks School at Miami, will act as mess supervisor for the Prisoner of War, Station Hospital, cafeterias and officers messes in the Harmony Church area.

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Baker Village News

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Plans for the Christmas Caroling throughout Baker Village and Benning Park are now complete. The Carolers will meet in the Auditorium at 8 o'clock (E.W.T.) Thursday, December 23. From there they will visit various sections of the village in singing carols at each location.

Rehearsals are held several afternoons at 4:30 E.W.T., the last one this week will be Friday, December 17, 4:30 E.W.T. in the auditorium. Rehearsals are increasing and at each rehearsal there are new faces. Anyone interested in joining the group is urged to be present at Friday's rehearsal or call Mrs. Lutz for information at the Administration building. After the practice of Carols is over the Carolers participate in a general open house for games, dancing and singing.

When the Carolers have completed their tour of the village on Thursday, December 23, they will return to the auditorium for games and dancing.

Any adult who would like to sing Carols are urged to join the group. Those interested may call Mrs. Lutz at the Administration building. Rehearsals will be arranged at their convenience.

It is suggested that the families of the community have a car to light and place in the window to greet the Carolers as they sing. Christmas parties are planned for the three different age groups as set up by the Recreation Department and the Commissioner of Recreation.

The intermediate group including those boys and girls ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have their game Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 20 in the auditorium, at 7:30 E.W.T. The senior group's party which includes all the teen agers from age 13 up will be on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 E.W.T.

The auditorium will be decorated this week for the Christmas season.

Each person attending these parties is requested to bring a ten cent gift to the party for a gift exchange.

CHRISTMAS PARTY NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School Christmas

WAC Officer Is 1st Lieut.

Cheerful, hard-working Lieutenant Madeline G. Nelson, W. A. C., assistant personnel of the 1st Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School, was even happier than usual one recent morning. The War Department order promoting her from 2nd to 1st lieutenant had arrived. She is the first WAC officer to be promoted while assigned to a Main Post unit.

Lieutenant Nelson is the lady who sees to it that the 1st S.T.R.'s personnel get paid—and on time. Before donning uniform, she had been an executive in the office of the Chief of Ordnance at Washington, D. C.

She was graduated from Women's Army Corps OCS, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in April 1943, and served as assistant personnel officer at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., before coming to Benning.

Daughter of Mrs. Gertrude G. Smith, of 131-52 228th Street, Laurelton, Long Island, Lieutenant Nelson is strictly a service family. She was born on Kauai, one of the Hawaiian Islands. Her husband, deceased in 1932, had risen to chief pay clerk after 20 years in the Navy.

Lieutenant Nelson's son is Tech. Sgt. Robert Nelson, 25, who has been in the Army Air Forces since his 18th birthday. He has just returned to the states from three years duty in Panama and Trinidad, and is now stationed at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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POST CARROLLING
The Girl Scouts and Brownies will meet at the Administration building on Sunday, December 19, at 2 o'clock E.W.T. to go to the post to sing Christmas carols. Parents' permission blanks signed are necessary for anyone to go with this group. Girls are requested to be in uniform if possible for this occasion.

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Air Force Researchist Inspects 'Chute School

Captain Joseph L. Lagow of the Plans and Training Section of the Central Flying Training Command at Randolph Field, Texas, has just completed a ten-day visit at the Parachute School making a thorough and realistic study of the techniques and methods the School employs to produce parachutists who can jump and land without injury.

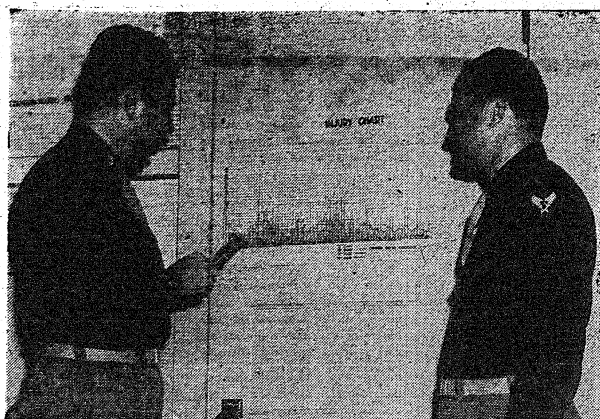
During his stay, Captain Lagow was under the tutelage of Lieutenant Colonel James Coutts, assistant commandant, and Captain Robert H. Miller of Plans and Training.

The continuous exclusive study of Parachute experience and history at The Parachute School has reaped exceptional results in decreased injuries and refusals. The chances of being hurt while jumping at the School now stand at less than one per cent—a one-third decrease which is directly due to the correction of landing attitude and other refinements in training. The development of this The Office of Flying Safety to Fort Benning to undergo the Jump Training and make a study and report on his findings. Colonel Boynton was qualified as a jumper last October and on the basis of his findings, recommended that a further study be made. Captain Lagow's visit was the result.

VETERAN I. G. Captain Lagow, a veteran Inspector General and research man for the Air Force, lived, breathed and ate parachutes while at the School. Refusing to live at the Air Force Bachelor Officers' Quarters he asked to be given quarters with the Parachute Officers, as he put it "When I'm on Parachute duty I think it's only right to see and talk to everybody I possibly can about them." Much first hand experience-information was thus obtained by the Captain which adds greatly to the reality of his report. And his report actually does involve life and limb for many fliers.

Colonel Coutts and Captain Miller explained the way the school originated and implemented training methods so that they could be incorporated in the Air Force training for fliers. Of special interest, naturally, was the landing method with both feet together.

INTERVIEWS E. M. S. Captain Lagow did not confine his investigations to higher echelons. He talked with enlisted men in training—got their reactions and rate of learning for various phases of instruction. He consulted with Major Lord, in charge of the elaborate medical set-up at the School as to the type of injuries incurred and the method found best for treatment. On the basis of study and talks



LT. COL. JAMES W. COUTTS, assistant commandant of the Parachute School, explains an injury chart indicating exceptional decrease in parachute injuries to Capt. Joseph L. Lagow, Plans and Training Section of the Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Tex. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



THE SAD SACK IN WOOD. Maj. Dale T. DeVore, a student in an advanced officers' class in the 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School won first prize in a wood carving contest in Rehkiabik, Iceland, a year ago with three figures, one of which was Yank magazine's famous character "The Sad Sack." Maj. DeVore is shown with a new edition of Sad Sack and some of his other carvings. (Official U. S. Army photo—The Infantry School.)

Major Carves Human Figures Out of Wood

Wood carving is the hobby of Maj. Dale T. DeVore, Infantry, 15th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, and his colorful exhibit of human figures testify to the skill he has acquired during the last decade.

Major DeVore developed his expertise in "whittling" to such an extent that he won first prize in the wood carving division of the Arts and Crafts Contest sponsored by the Red Cross in Rehkiabik, Iceland, in December, 1942. Capturing the Blue Ribbon for the major were three figures:

An Icelandic peasant woman carrying a Bible, obviously church-bound, an Indian head, and a "Betty Petty" plaque.

One of Major DeVore's most recent creations is a six-inch reproduction of Yank's famous character—"The Sad Sack." The major has dubbed him "Sad Sack M 43 A 1."

While Major DeVore was in Iceland from March 1943 to June 1943, he carved over 70 characters, including Indian maidens, soldiers, and Icelandic natives. He has increased his tempo to the rate of nearly one figure a day.

A member of Officers' Ad-

CAPTAIN KEENER

Announcement has been made of the promotion of Lee Ray Keener, of Portland, Ore., to the rank of captain. Captain Keener was inducted into the service August 13, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. At the conclusion of his basic training he was assigned to the 62nd Battalion as a cadre instructor. In May 1942, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He received his commission Aug. 18, 1942 and was attached to the 15th Co. and later assigned to the 10th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, which assignment he still holds.

It is estimated that a 10 per cent saving in home use of electricity would save 2,000,000 tons of coal.

with officers and enlisted men at the School plus pictures vividly illustrating every part of the parachute jump, Captain Lagow is very optimistic that the results of Colonel Boynton's and his own report will aid the Air Force to better equip their fliers to successfully learn parachute jumping and landing.

Luckies to Get Holiday Passes

Approximately one-tenth of 7th Armored Division personnel will be granted holiday passes over Christmas and New Year's to points beyond Columbus and environs, according to an official notice from division headquarters.

For the convenience of those unable to obtain holiday week-end passes beyond Columbus, 24-hour passes may be granted to about 40 per cent of remaining personnel at Columbus and Phenix City (Ala.) under the present War Department policy.

The 24-hour passes will enable married personnel to spend the holidays with their wives and families, while work goes on as usual within the division.

Some "lucky" members of Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald, Silver's 7th Armored will get Christmas furloughs of one week plus travel time, in accordance with a recent administrative memorandum.

Leaves and furloughs however, may not be granted to more than seven per cent of assigned strength at any one time. They will be granted in a continuous cycle except when units are engaged in certain training designated by 7th A. D. HQ as a non-leave period.

Officials Extend Yule Curfew Hour

Military personnel at Fort Benning will be permitted to attend church services ending after curfew in Columbus on Christmas Eve, it was announced at Post headquarters Monday.

However, church services or mass on that date must be attended in supervised groups in charge of an officer or non-commissioned officer, past authorities added. Such groups will be in charge of personnel detailed for this duty until they are dismissed in their areas on the reservation.

In accordance with a recent division order movie-loving GIs are also shown brief training films before each feature picture. Training films, short and witty, are almost invaluable as training aids because of the high efficiency of visual education, according to the Chief of Staff.

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W. D. Clarifies Discharged Soldiers' Rights, Duties

In furtherance of its policy to facilitate the return of the discharged soldier to his proper place in civilian life, the War Department announced today it has issued a new document which sets out clearly the rights and duties of discharged soldiers. The document is designed to give advice to those who are discharged from the service and to those who are discharged from the service.

The new form, called "Report of Discharge," replaces seven forms which have been in use since 1917. It is a single sheet of paper, and it is designed to be filled out by the soldier himself. It contains a space for the soldier to write his name, his service number, and his date of discharge. It also contains a space for the soldier to write his address and his telephone number. The soldier is required to fill out this form at the time of his discharge.

The soldier is advised that if he desires his former employment and is entitled to it under the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act, he must apply to his former employer within 45 days after his discharge. The certificate also points out that the soldier is entitled to a certificate of military service, and that he is entitled to a certificate of military service.

For his assistance and advice the following information is given: "There is a new document which sets out clearly the rights and duties of discharged soldiers. The document is designed to give advice to those who are discharged from the service and to those who are discharged from the service."

People who wouldn't listen to the dictates of their own conscience may soon be taking notice of someone who hasn't got a conscience. It is estimated that 200,000 automobiles are disappearing from U. S. roads every month.

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Rail Expert Is Post's New TO

Major John R. Pearson, who coordinated the movement of all U. S. troops in Great Britain for a year and a half, has just arrived at Fort Benning where he has been assigned as Rail Transportation Officer.

Major Pearson, a native of Nashville, Tenn., transferred to the post after a tour of duty overseas after he had been stricken with a head infection which necessitated an operation. Since returning to this country a short while ago, he has been at Fort Benning, where he has been assigned as Rail Transportation Officer.

Formerly chief clerk of the Tennessee Central Railroad in Nashville, Major Pearson had served with two other rail lines, the Nashville, Charlotte and St. Louis R. R., and the Atlantic Coast Line. A reserve officer, he was assigned to active duty on October 15, 1940.

Major Pearson's first assignment was as Rail Transportation Officer at Camp Benning, where he was assigned as assistant transportation officer at Fourth Corps Area headquarters in Atlanta on May 27, 1942.

In July last year, Major Pearson went overseas where he served as chief of Passenger Traffic in the European Theater of Operations. He was assigned to the post after a tour of duty overseas after he had been stricken with a head infection which necessitated an operation.

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Who Has Greater Right To Pin-Up Queen Than Papa Himself, Huh?

Sgt. Don Kortemeier, lens ace of the post photo signal lab, has gained quite a reputation around Fort Benning for his series of home-grown pin-up girls that have appeared in the Bayonet. As a matter of fact, the pics have even earned him the title of "Pin-Up King" in the Bayonet.

Kortemeier hastened to comply with proud papa's request, and as matter of fact, "reconed" he'd also send along a couple other poses of gorgeous Marie, because as he sees it, the Bayonet "pin-up editor" doesn't always select the "best" picture of his models.

Col. Raymond C. Hamilton, former Chief of the Weapons Section of The Infantry School, tells this story that he heard during his recent trip to the African theater of war as the President of the Army Ground Force Board:

"German artillery was doing an American position with considerable effect when an infantryman, seeking better cover, leaped into a shell crater. As he did, a bullet pierced his canteen, creased his back and touched off a color smoke signal which he carried. A dense blue smoke arose immediately and the German artillery stopped firing."

Blue was the color signal of that day for the German artillery to cease firing.

Civilians are being requested to keep the lines clear for the calls of service men and the calls of war production. Radio, newspapers and other forms of advertising are being used extensively to carry this message to civilians.

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Sabers Observe First Birthday

Last Friday, December 10, marked the first anniversary of the 300th Infantry. This organization was organized as a school troop unit on December 10, 1942.

Major General Bonesteel, commanding officer of the Infantry School, and Brigadier General P. Perrine, commanding general of the School Troops Brigade of the Infantry School, were present at the ceremony.

Major General Bonesteel, in a letter to Col. Henry J. Hunt, Jr., commanding officer of the 300th Infantry, wrote: "We, at the Infantry School, have reason to take an especial pride and interest in the 300th Infantry Regiment. Of all the demonstration regiments that have served the school, you are the only one whose entire military history has been identified with this school."

The Infantry School Commandant then pointed out that "In this eventful year you have grown from activation to a point of being an efficient, working, hard-training unit."

He concluded by writing "Our best wishes will go with you always."

Brigadier General Perrine pointed out in his letter to Colonel Hunt that since activation, the 300th has functioned under his headquarters. He briefly sketched the progress of the organization and mentioned that "almost since the first day of its existence, your organization has had a part in spreading the Infantry doctrine to our troops throughout the world."

In a message to the officers and men of the 300th, Colonel Hunt said that in this war the regiment is on the line for the cause of democracy, against inhumanity and indecency.

He said that the common happy-go-lucky attitude makes for a good fighting outfit, and asked the men to maintain a feeling of loyalty to their country and regiment, and a seriousness about the job at hand.

In conclusion Colonel Hunt said, "The best advice I can offer is that you take note of, and abide by the motto of the United States Military Academy at West Point: 'Duty, Honor, Country.'"

Phone Co. Hopes To Clear Lines For G. I. Yule Calls

Red Cross By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN You women who are handy with needle and thread, a sewing machine, and a pair of scissors, are needed at the Red Cross Work Room next Tuesday, December 21, and the Tuesday after that, December 28. There are housewives to be sewed, and they have to be completed before January 1. The housewife is a neat little gadget that fits into a kit bag, which in turn goes to some soldier overseas who doesn't have a mother or wife around to keep his buttons sewed on. The kit bag also sewed at the Work Room here on the main post. They, and the housewives, are sent to the 300th Infantry School, at the American Red Cross, in Columbus, where they're filled with small toilet articles, pocket-sized books, and other things a soldier finds hard to get when he's far away from home.

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An Army Wife Shops In Columbus By Phyllis If you're in need of last-minute inspirations about what to buy for Christmas gifts, dash down to the J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY and let them help you out. They're all prepared with a vast supply of cute and cunning ideas which are really delectably low-priced. How about a compact sewing kit, fitted with silk thread, mending cotton, needles, thimbles and thread cutters? Or perhaps the sight of a perky chintz or feathered apron intrigues you. Or maybe a pair of cozy foot warmers, or a pair of cute and quilted slippers. A bit more expensive, but truly perfect presents are the genuine alligator handbags with leather linings certain to delight the most hard-to-please woman. A thoughtful practical gift to give might be an ensemble of a rayon-print ankle-length coat in sheer or satin with a matching black nightgown in white, pink, or blue. Indeed pretty and perfect. Following several of these suggestions by Kirven's will solve your Christmas shopping problem.

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Chutist Devises War Bonds

You'll have to give this Fort Benning paratrooper "A" for initiative to say the least. Finding himself on top of the 250-foot jump tower in "stage training," the troop leader was instructed to release the piece of scrap paper given him so his instructors could read the wind in the wind.

After some delay which brought him a series of impatient growls from below, a piece of paper was waited out in the wind. Down came the jumper dangling from his chute, but when he struck the earth, he was still in the air.

When you think you're "gassed" his troops demanded. "Why, out to retrieve my '50 War Bond' he answered. "I qualified and was rewarded with me, but when the time came to let it go, the bond was the only thing I could find. Hell, I didn't want to be gassed!"

Communications Men To Study Theory Of Radio Communication officers graduate from the Infantry School in the 12th Co., 1st S. T. R. will devote ten hours of radio study to the theory of radio under the general title of "Radio in the Field."

Warrant Officer Insignia Explained "This is in explanation of a story concerning warrant officers which appeared in last week's Bayonet, particularly in that portion of the story which had reference to the insignia to be worn.

Col. Jablonsky New TPS DST

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey J. Jablonsky, famous West Point athlete and paratrooper, has been appointed director of Specialist Training at the Infantry School, succeeding Major Richard C. Alverson, it was announced Tuesday.

Col. Jablonsky qualified as a parachutist July 8 after successfully completing the rigorous jump course at the school. Upon graduation he was assigned to the 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment as executive officer in which capacity he has served until his new assignment.

The colonel is well known for his athletic prowess; besides being an all-American football player, he lettered and starred on the baseball, basketball and track teams at West Point.

In assuming charge of the Specialist Schools at the Parachute School, Col. Jablonsky is taking over a working organization of the Army Service Schools devoted exclusively to the advanced training of qualified parachutists. There are five Specialist Schools: Communications, basic and advanced, camouflage, demolition, rigging (Parachute Repair and Supply) and Sewing Machine Maintenance. Each school has its own specially trained instructors, commissioned and enlisted instructors and the courses range from one to nine weeks in length of time.

Col. Jablonsky graduates from West Point in 1934. He was born January 10, 1909. Before entering the Military Academy he received the degree of B. S. in business and public administration in 1930 at Washington University.

Blue Smoke Signal Unexpectedly Stops Nazi Guns

Col. Raymond C. Hamilton, former Chief of the Weapons Section of The Infantry School, tells this story that he heard during his recent trip to the African theater of war as the President of the Army Ground Force Board:

"German artillery was doing an American position with considerable effect when an infantryman, seeking better cover, leaped into a shell crater. As he did, a bullet pierced his canteen, creased his back and touched off a color smoke signal which he carried. A dense blue smoke arose immediately and the German artillery stopped firing."

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Bonesteel Cites Academic G. I.

Pvt. Dennis H. Williams, of the Service Detachment, Academic Regiment of the Infantry School, has been cited by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commander of the Infantry School, for an outstanding act of courage reported by Lt. Col. Charles Carlton of the Post Ordinance.

Col. Carlton reported: "On November 27, Pvt. Williams was driving a team of spirited horses near a road intersection on Edwards Street when the team bolted and jerked the reins from his hands. Without thought of injury to himself, he jumped to the ground, overtook the team, grabbed them under control, and brought the reins and beating the horses in the face with his hands, thereby preventing them from running into a conveyance which was passing."

"In my opinion, Pvt. Williams prevented not only damage to government property but also the loss of one or more of the trucks from being wrecked. This soldier quickly analyzed the situation and with outstanding courage prevented a serious accident. I believe such acts should be duly recognized."

General Bonesteel wrote: "Command desires to add his commendation for the courageous act of Private Dennis H. Williams. This act constituted an outstanding demonstration of the ability of the real American soldier to act decisively and effectively and without regard for personal safety under emergency conditions."

Private Williams' home is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Luckies Slate Yule Events

With little more than a week before Christmas remaining, the "Lucky 7th" Armored Division is planning a series of Yule events to find a veritable barrage of entertainment awaiting it during the holidays.

After spending the past month in the field the Sand Hill garrison looks good to Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silverster's "Lucky 7th" Armored Division, but home will look even better to those few soldiers with Christmas furloughs.

The round of Yuletide festivities got under way yesterday with an "open house" party at the Sand Hill Service Club, under the direction of Mrs. Winifred Baker, senior hostess. Along with the renewal of old acquaintances, coffee and doughnuts were the order of the day as hundreds of men jammed the club on their first day back in camp.

Tonight the festivities continue with a "Welcome Home" dance to the music of Sgt. Tony Borelli and his Sixth Armored Infantry Orchestra.

For the rest of the month unit dances, parties and broadcasts will entertain 7th Armored soldiers both in the service club and the "unit club," formerly the Sand Hill non-com's club.

Of the several "tree halls" will present a variety show with one of the division dance orchestras this week and next, featuring talent from the main post as well as from 7th companies.

High point in the season's activities is scheduled for Sunday afternoon 1530 to 1700 when 1200 children of the 7th Armored will be feted at a special party in the "Unit Club" by personal invitation of Commanding General Lindsay McDonald Silverster. In order to keep the traditional Christmas atmosphere for the children, there will be a big fat turkey, gifts and well-filled stockings for every child attending.

A picked chorus of eight men, and a brass ensemble from the division's military band will furnish music for the general and his guests.

On Christmas day, after the Army's famous Christmas dinner, the 7th will salute Fort Benning and vicinity with a full hour broadcast over WRFB from Service Club No. 2 in Sand Hill.

Parties are also scheduled for enlisted men Christmas Eve, Christmas day and New Year's Eve in the Sand Hill Service Club, and unit dances will be held on the 21st, 27th, 29th and 30th of this month.

Two-day holiday passes will be granted a few soldiers wishing to spend Christmas or New Year's away from camp, and many more will be allowed to spend the holidays with their families in Columbus.

Although it is a busy season for a busy, combat-training division, 7th Armored chaplains predict record attendance at religious services of all major denominations in division chapels. This year as in former years the men of the 7th appreciate the fundamental "freedom of worship" which they are striving to preserve in the hope that soon they may be instrumental in restoring "peace on earth... good will toward men."

Service Club 5, Harmony Church Area at Fort Benning, will observe its first anniversary with a series of special programs and entertainments, beginning Sunday, December 19, Lt. Robert C. Long, officer in charge, announced today. The celebration will extend over a week, climaxing with a play, "Three Wise Men" under the direction of the Twix-teen dramatic players of the Little USO on Christmas Day.

E. E. Farley, director, Army-Navy-YMCA USO, Columbus, Ga., is scheduled to give the main address this Sunday, Dec. 19, during the opening of the celebration at the Service Club. The program will open at 5 p. m., EWT, and will also include Christmas music by the Third Truck Regiment orchestra, a violin selection by Cpl. Harcourt McCann, and a vocal number by Lt. Long.

First Sgt. Victor H. Lyons will review highlights in the year-old history of the Service Club as master of ceremonies, and introduce special guests. Another feature of the day will be presentation of a variety show by soldiers of the Third Regiment. It will include dance and song numbers, and a series of hot comedy skits.

During the week, each department is planning special activities. The Negro in Music and Literature will be depicted by the

St. Luke Plans Yule Reception, Carol Service

Sunday evening, December 19, from 7 to 8:45 EWT, the Service Mothers Club of St. Luke Methodist church will entertain at a reception in the social rooms of the church. Hostesses will be the mothers of the men and women of St. Luke church who are serving in the armed forces of the country and Fort Benning personnel, and friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. Frank J. Bickertstaff, who is chairman of the Service Mothers Club, is in charge of the arrangements for the reception. Tea and coffee will be poured by other service mothers, and sandwiches and fruit cake will be served during the course of the evening. Mrs. Frank Bradford will decorate the rooms for the occasion.

During the reception Lt. Robert Wenz, the Advanced Officers Course, TIS, a former pianist with Paul Whiteman, will play favorite musical compositions. There will be group singing of the beloved Christmas hymns and carols.

CAROL SERVICE
Following the reception, there will be a Christmas carol service in the church sanctuary. The hour for the service is 9:00 EWT. The choir of St. Luke church, augmented by singers from the Presbyterian church, will be under the direction of Mary Catherine Medley. Accompanist for the service will be Elizabeth Fort Jenkins, noted Columbus musician.

The Carol Service has been adapted from the annual service given at King's College chapel, Cambridge, England. It centers around a group of nine Scripture lessons, portraying in their entirety the story of Christmas, from the ancient prophecies of the coming of a King, through the actual birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and ending with the incarnation as set down in the Gospel of St. John. In the group with each lesson is appropriate music, consisting of hymns, carols, ancient plainsong, and other inspiring musical numbers.

PROCESSIONAL
There will be a candlelight procession, followed by the singing of an ancient and traditional prayer-form still much in use in English churches. Rev. Paul Sanders will read the lessons. An offering will be taken for overseas relief.

NEW YEAR'S CURFEW
Curfew time for military personnel at Fort Benning will not be extended on New Year's Eve off the reservation, according to an announcement at post headquarters today. Enlisted men and officers will be out of public places and off the streets at midnight, Columbus time. It was announced, however, that curfew time will be extended one hour on the reservation to 2 a. m., EWT.

Seems as if people who do wrong usually find the right way to do it, while those who want to do right too often go to it the wrong way.

People who put on airs have no reason to be put on others put them off.

Service Club library, under Mrs. Hazel G. Rood, librarian, December 22, and the Cafeteria, Miss Louise E. Harris, hostess, will give a free beer party Christmas Day.

Other features will be an old-fashioned Christmas Party in the Service Club lobby with music by the Third Regiment chorus; and a series of small game tournaments, planned by Sgt. Harry Smyles, chairman, of the Recreational Council.

Miss Bernice Smith is director of the Service Club and responsible for outlining and carrying out activities for the club. She has been with the club since it opened a year ago.

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Three booming explosions—shrieking of fire sirens—screaming of brakes—hoarse shouts of guards and firemen—scouring of soldiers and various other alarms and excursions at 3:03 a. m. today brought Fort Benning officers rushing out, wondering if a bombing raid were being staged on the post.

They found everything pretty well under control, however, with the fire department putting out a blaze that had resulted from an explosion in a paint and flooring wax storehouse behind Service Club No. 1.

Investigation showed that Pvt. David Hart, First Para-Quintus Training Regiment, assigned to guard a group of Italian prisoners of war on a floor waxing detail during the night, had struck a match to show the prisoners where the wax was stored. Result—fumes in the shed ignited with a roar. Nobody injured. Damage was less than \$100 to the shed and \$500 to the contents.

Ed Memphis World To Cover Reception Center For PRO

Private Lewis O. Swingler, managing editor of the Memphis World-Post, and one of the few Negroes of the country holding a journalism certificate, this week was assigned to the Public Relations Office at Fort Benning, Major R. J. Hammar, director of the Public Relations Division, announced. Swingler is on leave from his paper.

Attached to the Special Service Office of the Reception Center, Private Swingler is expected to cover the many news sources of the Negro service men as they get their first taste of military life.

Graduating from Nebraska University in 1931, Swingler was awarded the A. B. degree and Journalism Certificate. He came to Memphis a month later to take over the editorial department of the then two-week-old Memphis World and over a period of twelve years help to build this publication into one of the best known Negro papers of the country. The Memphis World now has a circulation that extends to readers of North Mississippi, East Arkansas and scores of out-of-state communities of West Tennessee. Member of the Scott Newspaper Syndicate, it is the only Negro semi-weekly in the Midwest.

Private Swingler, in 1939, was invited by LeMoyn College, Memphis, to set up a curriculum in journalism, which he taught for three years thereafter. It is one of the few Negro colleges to introduce journalism into its curriculum.

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